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## Western Worker

PEOPLE'S CHAMPION OF LIBERTY, PROGRESS AND PEACE

Men on Ship Donate to Spain  
SAN PEDRO—Arthur Loraine, ship's delegate on the William Luckenbach, has collected some \$17.50 for the defense of Spanish democracy from over 30 members of the crew from the deck department, black gang, stewards' department

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## CONCESSIONS MADE BY WPA



AS DEMOCRACY SWEEPS ON TO VICTORY. Scenes in Spain. At left, leaders of the International Brigade, composed of liberty-loving anti-fascists of many countries, discuss military maneuvers. At right, a little girl, giving her younger brother an airing during the lull in the fascist air raids on Madrid, teaches the baby how to give the clenched fist salute of the People's Front.



### GOV'T TROOPS PUSH AHEAD IN CORDOBA

Reinforcements Sent To Basques' Aid In Bilbao

MADRID — In all centers of troop activity except Bilbao, government forces continue to advance while demoralization grows in the fascist forces. Government successes in the past few days were most emphatic in Cordoba province where troops were being massed in preparation for an assault on the town of Villaharta. Its capture would mean the cutting of the fascist main line of communication from the city of Cordoba to the Penarroya Coal fields. Government troops had already driven insurgents from the heights of Mt. Chimorro, which had been considered virtually impregnable and which dominated the Cordoba-Penarroya highway.

#### Pave the Way

Capture of Villaharta would complete the isolation of thousands of Fascist troops who were cut off from their main base when their attack on Pozoblanco in north Cordoba province was turned back in a rout. It would also open the way for a drive against the city of Cordoba itself, an important center of the fascist movement in the south.

Reports reaching the capital from behind fascist lines indicated that the fascist general Franco had considerably slowed up the shipment of troops and munitions to the fronts nearest Madrid, indicating that he would attempt to reform his lines at a greater distance.

Although the fascists suffered heavy losses in hard fighting in Cordoba province, indications also arrive to show increased defense.

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WPA WORKERS, in a sitdown at paymaster's office at 83 First Street, San Francisco, when strike began.

### Mass Circulation for the 'Western'

Appeal by California State Committee of C. P. on a Foremost Task

"The people's champion of Liberty, Progress, and Peace"

Everywhere the Western Worker is being accepted by ever-growing numbers of working people on the Pacific Coast as the organ of struggle of the labor and progressive forces against reaction, for the rights of labor, democracy and peace.

#### Influential Voice of Labor

It has become an influential voice in strike struggles and the drive to organize the unorganized, the fight for unity in the labor movement, and the fight for industrial unionism. It is a weapon in the building of the movement for independent political action by labor, in the fight to curb the autocratic Supreme Court, and preserve the democratic rights of the people.

It is the foremost spokesman in California of the forces of peace and democracy, against the threatening forces of fascism and war; it leads the fight in support of the heroic Spanish people who are battling for liberty against the invading hordes of Hitler and Mussolini; it raises the slogan of defense of the Soviet Union, land of Socialism, and support of its peace policy as the strongest bulwark of defense against the fascist threat to democracy and peace. To build a mass circulation for the Western Worker is to build the forces of the coming American People's Front, and to strike a blow at the forces of reaction, fascism and war.

The growing support for the Western Worker is evidenced by

### YOLO NEGROES DEFEND LIVES

Law Threatens Them; Junk Man Shot in Self Defense

CLARKSBURG, Yolo County.—Establishing of sanitary camps to house harvest hands now forced to live in disease infested jungles is demanded by the Agricultural Workers Citizens Committee here.

The Kern County Supervisors have been given a report on the horrible jungle conditions.

### BEET LABOR WANTS RAISE

GUADALUPE, Santa Maria County.—A new wage scale this season has been demanded of Betteravia beet growers by Field Workers Union, Local 20326.

### NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS ON DEMANDS

Strikers in Bay Area Picketing Despite Police Clubs

SAN FRANCISCO—After a hard-fought week, during which every method was employed by the WPA officials to confuse and split the ranks, the WPA strikers Thursday were still marshaling strong picket lines and keeping most of the projects tied up.

Wednesday night, for the first time, WPA officials held formal negotiations with the strike committee, and after four hours' discussion tentatively and partially granted six demands. Two, the matter of layoffs and the securing of the promised 10 per cent raise, are still being negotiated with prospects of being granted. The demand that all workers on relief rolls eligible for WPA and wanting jobs, be given WPA employment was denied because of no jurisdiction.

Granted. The demands granted wholly or partially were:

No. 4—No worker shall be forced into agriculture unless it is determined he is an agricultural worker. (Granted.)

No. 5—Order No. 44, deducting from monthly wages for time lost due to inclement weather or other conditions beyond control of the workers, be rescinded. (It is agreed to work out a system making it possible for a worker to find out whether a job will work on any given day without the worker having to report at the project.)

No. 6—Labor Policy Boards be established with representatives of the Organized Unemployed. (Details to be worked out.)

No. 7—All workers leaving WPA for private industry to be immediately replaced by eligible SRA clients (within the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

### STUDENTS SET STRIKE ON WAR IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES—Working on a broad united front basis of student and youth organizations, preparations for the national strike against war called by the United Student Peace Committee for April 22, are rapidly being completed, reports from the local American Student Union indicate.

More than 25 southern California colleges and junior colleges, and many high schools are scheduled to participate in the giant Peace Day demonstration, beginning throughout the nation at 11 a. m.

### IRISH FORM A 'FRIENDS OF SPAIN' IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES—In line with progressive and democratic forces throughout the world and prompted by a similar movement in San Francisco, an organization entitled the Irish Friends of Spanish Democracy is being organized in Los Angeles.

Temporary chairman of the group is Carey McWilliams, noted liberal attorney, whose offices are in the Spring Arcade Building.

### GOLD, ROSS AT READERS' L. A. PARLEY

LOS ANGELES—With Mike Gold, noted proletarian journalist, and Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, scheduled to address the meeting, a Western Worker Readers' Conference will be held Friday, April 16, at 8 o'clock, at the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring Street. Object of the Conference will be to provide an opportunity for all readers of the Western Worker to offer their criticism and suggestions for the building and improvement of the paper. All readers are invited and each unit in the county is to elect and send two delegates.

### C. I. O. UNITES FORCES IN L. A. TO ORGANIZE

Council Formed, But Not Dual Body

LOS ANGELES—Formation of a conference of all unions who are refused admission to the AFL or to the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, was recommended Monday night, April 5, at a meeting of local CIO affiliated unions.

Growing out of a resolution adopted at the previous week's meeting when a committee was appointed to "draft a program or policy to coordinate the CIO in organizing workers in basic industries," the recommendation was unanimously adopted with the first meeting of the conference scheduled for April 12, at the ILGWU hall, 828 1/2 South Broadway.

Particular emphasis was made (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

### Ford in Mayoralty Finals in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—The Shaw-Davis political machine ran on a snag in primary elections here when, although he led the six candidates, Mayor Shaw failed by a substantial margin to win election.

John Anson Ford, progressive supervisor, polled 40,520 votes on an incomplete count, and will contest with Shaw at the final elections in May. Shaw received 54,177 votes.

It was believed Ford stands an excellent chance to beat Shaw in the finals.

Councilmanic Results. In the 13th Councilmanic District, an incomplete report showed that Darwin Tate, anti-labor incumbent, was leading Grover Johnson, famed labor attorney, about two-to-one. In the campaign, Tate's political machine resorted to kidnapping, slander, and other tricks against Johnson's campaign.

### Help Change Court, Urges Leo Gallagher

LOS ANGELES—Declaring that: "We cannot wait. We must act now," Leo Gallagher, well known International Labor Defense attorney, issued the following statement in support of President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court changes:

"The American Liberty League, Hearst, DuPont and Co., are using every effort to intimidate congress and compel it to reject Roosevelt's plan to liberalize the Supreme Court.

#### At Least a Beginning

"To counteract this reactionary influence, it is necessary that every progressive force in the nation be motivated in support of the president's program. While it is true that a temporary

### Cal. Official Aided In Sale of Tear Gas

Morrill, Chief of Bureau of Investigation, Acted as Federal Laboratories Salesman

SACRAMENTO—Clarence S. Morrill, Chief of the California bureau of investigation, used his position to help Federal Laboratories, Inc., peddle tear and nauseating gas to industrial concerns. Startling revelation to that effect, made in Washington by the La Follette Senate Committee investigating civil liberties, burst like a bombshell over Sacramento.

The La Follette Commission has revealed that Morrill acted as agent for the tear gas company in Alaska, during a vacation there in 1934; that he used his influence to arrange the purchase of Federal grenades by the San Francisco Examiner; that he issued permits to Federal Laboratories for private companies, whenever some local police officials refused to do so. A letter from Federal's West Coast salesman, Joseph Roush, dated August 15, 1934, states:

"Made a deal with Clarence Morrill yesterday for the introduction of line into Alaska. B. H. seemed quite pleased. Hope that they sell a lot of equipment. He (Morrill) also said to keep plenty of gas and guns on hand as he expects a lot of trouble later in the year."

"B. H." who is B. H. Barker, vice-president of Federal Laboratories, replied: "It will be agreeable for Mr. Morrill and his son to openly negotiate for us in Alaska, and we will be glad to work out some basis of compensation for him should anything concrete develop during the period of his stay."

"Be careful of any promises you make him," Barker warned, "and when you have made an arrangement with him, send us in detail exactly what the plan is."

### STRIKE TALKED ON COLUSA WPA

COLUSA, Colusa County — Strike sentiment is strong among WPA gutter project workers, who want higher wages. A meeting was called but did not materialize.

### WEST COAST ISU UNIONS PLEDGE EAST COAST AID

ILA Meet to Deal With Labor Party, CIO

The three West Coast ISU groups have committed themselves to prevent reactionary AFL officials from wrecking the East Coast rank and file movement.

The Sailors, Cooks and Firemen passed motions:

1. Condemning the executive committee of the AFL and the Hunter-Scharenberg controlled ISU executive committee for refusing to agree to conduct honest and fair elections in the Eastern and Gulf District;

2. Re-affirming previous decisions recognizing the regularly elected officials of the East Coast rank and file unions;

3. Approving the decisions of East Coast Sailors and Cooks to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

### Teamster Heads in E. Bay Scabbery

OAKLAND — Plumbing the depths of scabbery, Teamsters' officials in the East Bay have ordered their members to go through picket lines of nine companies struck by the Warehousemen and the Cannery Workers Union.

Secretary Real of Teamsters Local 70 said the order was made on instructions of William Green and Teamsters Intl. President Tobin.

Real sent Teamsters through picket lines at the California Conserving Co. in Hayward and California Packing plants here (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

### HEARST WOULD GRAB FINEST CASCADE LAND

Expose Attempt to Steal From Public

BLUE LAKE, Modoc County.—An attempt is under way to trade valuable and beautiful government land along the McCloud River, to William Randolph Hearst, in return for undesirable land owned by the latter in the Trinity Alps Primitive area.

Hearst's Plan. The attempt, defended by Shasta National Forest Supervisor Bachman, is assailed by W. L. Humphreys, president of the Dunsmuir Fish and Game Club, who describes the Hearst land as being inaccessible, with bad weather to boot.

Humphreys further charges: "The same condition prevails (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

### C. Costa Labor is Set for May Day

RODEO — The Contra Costa Central Labor Council on Wednesday night elected a committee of five to prepare a May Day mass meeting. All unions will be asked to participate in the preparations.

The Council went on record against the Biggar Industrial Court (compulsory arbitration) bill and the Knowland bill, which makes it a crime to "interfere with transportation of food." The latter bill is aimed at marine, food and teamsters' strikes.

Barney Anderline, of the Warehousemen, was elected to represent the Council on the joint organizing committee of the Rodeo and Martinez oil workers' locals.

### PROGRESSIVE IN VALLEJO POLLS 2664

VALLEJO — A candidate for city commissioner, Jack Stewart, backed by progressives in the labor movement, came near winning in the elections here this week.

Stewart polled 2664 votes against 2845 for Frank Bren. Bren and his backers were very much scared for a while.

### REDDING TO BUILD PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

REDDING, Shasta County.—The city council here has turned down the California Water Service Company's price of \$224,000 for its plant.

The council announced it will press the city's application for a PWA grant, and with this and a \$200,000 bond issue voted in March, will construct a municipal water system.

### The WPA Strikers Tell Public of Their Demands



ONE OF THE mass meetings of WPA strikers in San Francisco. Scene is at Marshall Square, San Francisco, last Saturday.



Order Special May Day Issue: May Day Manifesto—Full Page About Spain—Full Page About Fight to Carb Supreme Court, And Farmer-Labor Party Developments in California.—Music and Words of the New United Front Song—Reb Raney's May Day Poem

AMERICANS IN FINE WORK IN SPAIN FIGHT

Lincoln Battalion, Medical Units Aid In Victories

VALENCIA—The press of republican Spain reflects the opinion that another decisive victory such as Guadalajara will turn the tide of international opinion and bring pressure against Italy and Germany to withdraw troops and other assistance to the rebels.

Americans have shared in the republican victories. In addition to the Lincoln battalion at the Madrid front, America was represented at the immediate rear by two medical units, one of which, under Dr. Edward Barski, has been operating two months. The other, under Dr. Friedman, has just arrived at Barcelona.

Almost as soon as the Barski group set up a base hospital, the Jarama drive was launched and the wounded began pouring in. Running water was not yet connected, electric current was unstable, current supplies were largely unneeded, yet the staff, with sleeves rolled up, plunged into the heroic work, while Dr. Barski stood operating there 48 hours without a break.

Dramatic operations at night by flashlight when the current failed, demonstrate the ability of Americans to forget facilities to which they are accustomed and adapt themselves to war conditions. The Americans later moved to the second line hospital where the bulk of heavy operations are performed.

I visited the Barski hospital in search of American wounded, but found few. Most of our boys had already recovered and returned to the Madrid front. Several dozen Americans were at Murcia, scattered through four hospitals. An American nurse showed me through, locating all members of the Lincoln battalion, including Capt. Bob Merriam, whose left shoulder wound is recovering rapidly. He is extremely active in obtaining comforts and attention for Anglo-American wounded and also French and Spanish boys in the same rooms. Americans smoking powerful Spanish or French tobacco drop it hastily at the sight of American cigarettes. Chocolate and reading material—especially anti-fascist literature—were hungrily sought.

We lack thermometers, sick room utensils, linen and soap," an American nurse told me. "The medical aid bureau that Spain could use to the full advantage a thousand surgeons and nurses and unlimited materials."

Teamster Heads in E. Bay Scabbery

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Real's action followed a stormy session of the Alameda Central Labor Council last Monday night, when a telegram from Green was read, ordering the Council to withdraw support from the ILA because it refuses to surrender inland warehouses, which it has organized, to the Teamsters.

Warehousemen Union officials, through business agent Robertson, stated that the membership was overwhelmingly for ILA affiliation, and that they would welcome a referendum, by which the members would decide to what union they wished to belong.

Robertson told of repeated riding on the ILA and the Lumber Workers by Teamsters' officials in Washington state, from which he has just returned. This coming Sunday the Federation of Woodworkers and Maritime unions will hold a conference on the question in Seattle.

Teamsters' officials have even gone so far as to claim "jimmy drivers" on the docks, over whom the ILA has had unquestionable jurisdiction for several generations.

How Many Can You Answer?

- 1—What two sections of the British Labor Party have formed a United Front with the British Communist Party?
- 2—What is the strongest union organization of Filipino agricultural workers in California, and who is its secretary?
- 3—What was Jack London's definition of a seab?
- 4—Who is president of the Screen Actors' Guild in Hollywood?
- 5—What body leads the CIO textile and garment drive, and who is head of that body?

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Memorial to Heroes of Democracy



A HUGE STATUE of a government soldier, made of lath and plaster, is dedicated in a Barcelona, Catalonia, square in the presence of members of battalion of death and 10,000 Catalans who volunteered to defend Spain against fascism.

ILA DISCUSSES LABOR PARTY, CIO RELATIONS

Part of Preparation for Convention in May

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proceed with the election of regular officials; and

4. Pledging co-operation with the Eastern and Gulf membership in maintaining and strengthening their unions and in restoring unity on a national scale.

SAN FRANCISCO—On Sunday April 12th, in Dreamland Auditorium at 10 a.m., Local 38-79 will assemble in special meeting to discuss the ILA District President's preliminary report and to instruct the convention delegates.

The opening paragraph of District President Bridges' report reads: "Departing from the custom of previous District Administration, and for the purposes which will hereafter explain themselves, I am submitting a preliminary officer's report for discussion and action by the various locals of the District. This report, while not going into details, is for the main purpose of enabling the locals to take the recommendations and issues raised, before their meetings, discuss same, and issue appropriate instruction to various delegates, either in favor or against, or to improve the various recommendations."

The first recommendation touched on in the report deals with the CIO which reads: "I would recommend that the ILA District reiterate their position as pledging full support to the campaigns and aims of the CIO as against the splitting tactics of the AFL leadership and actively carry on the fight in support of the CIO in all labor bodies we are affiliated with."

On the question of labor taking an active part in political activity, the District President has this to say: "I would like to recommend to the membership that our efforts along political lines be expanded in all possible directions and that we actively participate in the establishment and support of Labor's Non-Partisan League as part of the CIO program, and that we actively enter in every port where we have jurisdiction, the arena of political action for legislation and political activity beneficial to labor."

SP VOTES FOR STRIKE; SO DO L. A. CLEANERS

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about to be trained on the Ford plants.

Following agreement with Chrysler granting union recognition and banning company unions, the CIO union won the same terms, settling the strike of 2400 in the Reo auto plant in Detroit. About 11,000 in the Hudson auto plants also won an agreement.

GRAFT EXPOSE Is Subject of Forum Sunday

"Graft in San Francisco, and How to Fight It Effectively" will be the subject of the regular Communist Party Open Forum to be held Sunday, April 11th, at 7:30 p.m., at 121 Haight Street, with Oleta O'Connor, Educational Director of the Communist Party in San Francisco, as speaker.

Comrade O'Connor will review the background of the present expose, reveal the struggle going on behind the scenes between opposing corrupt factions, and trace the program to be followed if an effective fight is to be waged against graft, corruption and bribery in the city administration.

The urgency of the topic has caused a switch in the forum program, with Eddie Alexander, educational director of the Young Communist League, to speak the following Sunday, April 18th.

A large attendance is urged for the forum on graft. It is important that discussion and proposals be heard from as many people as possible, in order to help frame a plan of action to meet the challenge thrown in the face of the people.

Hearst Plans to Grab Cal. Land

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In Squaw Creek Valley. It is a dangerous bit of driving, accessible only in dry weather and few of the ordinary run of sportsmen being careful enough to pull the grade from the McCloud side, should the promised road into it be built.

"While it is true that the six parcels of public land on the McCloud (proposed to be transferred to Hearst ownership) are accessible only by trail and in passing, a lot of vacationists enjoy just such a trip—the public has had, and still has a county road extending from McCloud to the Wheeler place, near the Hearst castle. This road the Hearst interests recently have attempted to close, without success. It is unlikely the interested citizens and sportsmen of Northern California ever will permit land being closed to Hearst's benefit. Due to the fact that this county road has been a public thoroughfare for upwards of fifty years, there remains no logical reason for closing it now."

McCloud Will Be Closed

The public lands involved on the McCloud do not tell the whole story of the attempt to turn the rainbow trout stream in this section, stocked by the sportsmen's money, into private hands. Hearst, from time to time buys privately owned lands fronting on the McCloud river.

By the very simple expedient of putting two and two together it will be noted that the public lands which he would acquire through this trade, plus what he has purchased privately, will very effectively bottle up the entire territory so that the general public might well forget there is such a stream in the state.

The count of protests filed with the register of the Sacramento land office, shows the same overwhelming sentiment against the change; being in the proportion of 100 to 1."

SCHOOLS WOULD GAIN BY DART BEING CHOSEN

Progressive Needed As E. Bay School Director

By NAT YANISH

The records supply the answer to the query: "Why must we shake up the Board of Education and elect Vane V. Dart as school director, No. 1?"

In 1931, salaries of school teachers were cut 15 per cent. After six years of constant rise in cost of living, teachers' salaries are still 5 per cent below that of 1931.

In Alameda County, every other city and county employee has had a complete restoration of salary cuts, and in many cases has received an increase in salary. The standard of the school teachers, however, is kept below normal.

No Lack of Funds

The Board of Education is not pressed for funds. The contrary is true.

A building fund of 70 cents per \$100 valuation has never been used. Only 9 cents per \$100 is utilized to replace school hazards.

The board could ask for the residue of the 70 cents. Bonds could be floated. The incumbent school directors are, however, astute politicians. They do not wish the gaze of the public upon them. Much easier is it to make the teachers pay—and no questions asked.

Vane V. Dart believes that children should be provided free medical, optical and dental care. For over 20 years a union man in Alameda County, he is pledged also to further the interests of teachers.

WPA Strikers in Negotiations

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Collective Bargaining

No. 8—Full collective bargaining rights be granted unions of WPA workers, with specific arrangements for taking up grievances.

Previously the WPA had pledged that there would be no layoffs during April, but no assurance has been given to date that the 29,500 slated for lay-off would not be all cut off in May and June. The lay-off fight and complete union recognition were the main points of the strike.

Lesser informed the strike committee Wednesday night that he had been informed by Harry Hopkins that charges of anti-union tactics, as complained of by the strike committee were NOT the policy of the WPA. He agreed to forward complaints to William Lawson, State Administrator.

False Reporting Charged

Despite all the capitalist press "news" of the strike being over, several thousand are still out and no important jobs are working at better than half strength, even where police force is used to try to escort strikebreakers through the picket lines. According to the strike committee, "The strike is progressing as well as could be expected. More than a score of projects are closed 100 per cent."

L.A. PLANS FOR MAY DAY PICNIC

LOS ANGELES—In celebration of international workers' solidarity, the workers' club will hold its annual May Day Picnic, Sunday, April 25, at the Royal Palms Grove, San Pedro, with admission at 35 cents.

Selected feature entertainment is promised with a wide variety of food. In addition there will be dancing and games.

Trucks, for those who do not have cars, will leave at 9 a.m. from 230 South Spring Street, and from 2411 1/2 Brooklyn Avenue.

S.F. Grand Jury's Political Set-Up

SAN FRANCISCO—Possibility of the police graft investigation doing anything to root out corruption in the city government, seemed highly improbable here last Wednesday when the composition of the newly selected grand jury was revealed.

Known to have been selected for political reasons, members of the grand jury panel were thinned out to 19, who will compose the grand jury.

Jurors Represent Big Business

Of the 19, only three represent the working people of San Francisco.

The labor men, all union officials, are Hugo Ernst, president of Western Union, Local 30; Harry E. McCormick, secretary-treasurer of Construction and General Laborers Union; and John E. Stewart, secretary-treasurer of Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Among the other 16 was Thomas Ralph, of Ralph Mills & Co., brother of the late James Ralph, one-time mayor of S.F., and then governor. Ralph boldly stated:

"I think Mr. Roche (police commission president) is one of the finest men I know. I revere him very greatly. I think he is a very fine citizen. Chief Quinn is a very great friend of mine, too."

The grand jurors included bankers, big business heads, realtors, bond brokers, and one woman, widow of a retired capitalist.

The woman, Mrs. Pfingst, was named secretary, and Marshall Dill, importer-exporter, was named foreman by Judge Conlan.

Ernst Knows Rice

Ernst admitted having known Harry Rice, nephew of Pete McDonough, "the fountainhead of corruption," for 20 years, and that he also knew McDonough's attorney.

Judge Conlan admitted receiving an anonymous letter, terming Ernst "absolutely unfit for this important position on account of his past and present affiliations and record."

Build the 'Western' Circulation!

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The raising of over \$10,000 in the recently concluded financial drive, a truly splendid achievement which reflects the potential support the Western Worker can generate. But the demands on the "Western" are increasing; every effort is being made to constantly improve the paper in order to make it of a more effective and popular mass political organ of struggle.

The financial drive raised a larger total sum than any previous year, but reached only about 85 per cent of the minimum sum needed for 1937, for both the Western Worker and Daily Worker. Only a substantial increase in subscriptions and bundle orders can meet the financial situation and make possible the further improvements required.

A Foremost Task

The foremost task of every member and sympathizer of the Communist Party, of every reader and friend of the Western Worker, is to help us forge a more, powerful weapon in the coming struggles in California, through the building of a mass circulation for the Workers' Press.

Side by side with the launching of the national circulation drive of the Daily and Sunday Worker, the Western Worker opens its annual circulation drive, April 15th to July 4th. Every Party organization must enter the circulation drive as part of the task of building the Party, and strengthening the fight for the building of an American People's Front.

Every worker, every "Western" reader, is urged to not only participate in the drive, but to send in his suggestions for improving the paper, helping the circulation drive, and becoming a part of a huge army of voluntary Worker Correspondents from the field. In this way you can help the Western Worker to achieve its aim of being the "People's Champion of Liberty, Progress, and Peace."

Fraternally yours, ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman. WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary.

ALLIANCE IN NEW JOBLESS GAINS IN L. A.

Definite Suspension of Vicious No. 67 Bulletin

LOS ANGELES—Definite gains were won by the Workers' Alliance when a committee headed by Pat Calahan, Alliance organizer, met Wednesday morning, April 7, with Archibald Young, chairman of the Citizens' Relief Committee, to discuss demands presented the previous Monday.

Bulletin 67 Suspended

Chief victory of the Alliance committee was the definite suspension of county relief administrator Clayton Triggs' vicious bulletin No. 67, which outgrievs the unemployed by time to Monday only and limited the size of committees to six members.

A new bulletin is being worked out that will contain no time or size limits. There will be, furthermore, the added provision that whenever an emergency arises, a committee will be allowed to see a relief official at any time to present the case.

On the other demands presented by the Alliance including a 25 per cent increase in family budgets on SRA and an immediate recertification of SRA clients for supplemental aid, tentative proposals were worked out. Young declared that he was in agreement with the Alliance demand for an increase in the family budgets; and he further stated that he had already recommended such a change.

Instead of the recertification for supplemental aid of the 1500 cases dropped recently by State Administrator Pomeroy's brutal ruling, Young expressed himself as in favor of putting these cases on SRA where higher budgets exist.

All the proposals will be discussed further by relief officials and at the next meeting of the Citizens' Relief Committee next Monday.

Help Court Plan, Says Gallagher

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take away from the Supreme Court entirely the power to declare laws unconstitutional. We should support measures intended to make more difficult the nullifying of the people's will, as expressed by Congress, through the veto of the Supreme Court.

A constitutional amendment requiring three-fourths or four-fifths of the judges to concur in declaring an act unconstitutional would be better than the present rule which allows a mere majority to declare an act unconstitutional.

"The people cannot await a constitutional amendment. After thirteen years of struggle the child labor amendment has not yet been passed. We may expect even greater resistance to a constitutional amendment taking away from the Supreme Court power to declare laws unconstitutional."

"We cannot wait. We must act now. We must expose the hypocrisy of these reactionary forces which would have us believe that this is a government of laws and not of men. We should not forget that Chief Justice Hughes himself has stated that 'We are under a constitution, but the constitution is what the judges say it is.'"

Gov't Troops Push Ahead in Cordoba

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moralization behind the lines. From Cordoba came a report that troops are suffering from disease and exposure, coupled with demoralization in the face of continued defeats. Wounded soldiers were quoted as saying they would rather be shot than return to the front.

Reinforcements

Loyalist airplanes and tanks arrived in the Basque province to stop the slaughter which fascist planes were showering on the Basque towns around Bilbao. Although Bilbao defenders ran low on ammunition for a time, they received reinforcements in time to stop the immediate threat on the capital. With the arrival of an air fleet from the south, the government again had the initiative. Mola's army, however, was within 15 miles of Bilbao, within artillery range.

4 Richmond Cannery Pickets are Arrested

RICHMOND—Arrest of four Filice and Perelli cannery strikers made it appear as if a new frameup was in the making.

Arrested on charges of beating Peter Green, a strikebreaker, were Frank Domingo, Manuel Silveria, Dominick Pino and Nello Filippi.

CIO Consolidates Forces in L. A.

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by William Busiek, CIO organizer, that such a conference will in no way act as a separate Central Labor Council, but will serve merely as an organization to coordinate the CIO locals first to apply for admittance to the Central Labor Council and then, if refused, to send delegates to the conference. It was estimated that approximately 19 locals would be refused admission, or have already been rejected in their applications.

Individuals who have organized workers without proper authority from Washington, D.C., headquarters of the CIO, were strongly criticized by George Roberts, organizer of the United Rubber Workers of America.

Because of an error made in the April 5 issue of the Western Worker, it was stated that Busiek had come out for the formation of a separate CIO Labor Council—in direct contradiction to statements to the contrary made by Busiek.

House Passes Part Of Court Reform

WASHINGTON—Part of the President's judiciary reform program passed the House Wednesday, April 12, 1937, by a vote of 312 to 107.

Introduced by Rep. Sumners, D., Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the bill provided that the Attorney General must be notified and given time to present evidence and argument in court cases involving constitutionality of federal statutes, and that appeals may be taken directly to the U. S. Supreme Court at the discretion of the Attorney General.

S. Diego Labor 'No' On 'Policy Board'

(Continued from Page 1)

SAN DIEGO—A proposal to abolish the executive and organizing committees, and replace them with a non-elective "policy board" composed of business agents, was defeated in the Federated Trades Council Wednesday night.

In a surprise move the council's former reactionary officials and their followers spoke for and solidly voted for the proposal. According to reports, this action followed a caucus of reactionary delegates held last week at which it was decided to support any undemocratic plan, in the hopes of splitting the progressive majority in the council.

Bill Coffey, Louie Mehl and Secretary John Lydick led the fight for the plan while Harry Steinmetz, James McDermott and Daisy Lee Worcester led the opposition.

A communication from the Los Angeles Labor Council calling upon President Roosevelt to endeavor to unite the CIO and the AFL, was tabled in a close vote. The majority opinion expressed was that it is incorrect to appeal outside of labor's ranks to settle internal questions.

A resolution was adopted pledging the council to fight against the Criminal Syndicalism law.

The Tom Mooney committee announced that a motion picture of Mooney's case will be shown at a mass meeting on April 29th.

The Retail Clerks stated that a special organizing meeting has been called at Woodbine Hall on April 13th.

Consolidated Poll In San Diego

SAN DIEGO—Three thousand employees of the Consolidated Aircraft plant will vote their choice for collective bargaining agent in a government supervised election at the factory on April 10th.

This decision was reached by the National Labor Relations Board in response to a request from Aircraft Lodge No. 1125, affiliated with the International Association of Machinists.

Towne Nylander, pacific coast representative of the NLRB, will supervise the election between the AFL union and a company union known as the "Consolidators."

Aircraft Lodge, local 1125 has scheduled a final election rally April 9th at the city's largest meeting place, the Russ Auditorium. The union has almost two thousand plant employees on its books, while the company union has never had more than 100 men present at any of its meetings. According to the rules of the NLRB, if either organization receives the votes of 51 per cent of the plant workers, it will be designated the exclusive bargaining agent for all plant workers.

SUPERVISORS DODGE ACTION ON E. BAY COPS

Refuse to Act Against Attacks on Pickets

OAKLAND—Alameda County supervisors are passing the buck on the brutal attacks by Sheriff's deputies against Hayward Cannery pickets.

Proof Given

Proof of this was given when a delegation of the California People's Legislative Conference insisted that the supervisors take action against those guilty of the attacks on the California conserving picket lines.

The supervisors claimed they had no authority in the case. Two Cal-Pack pickets in Alameda have been acquitted on charges of having thrown stones at the company's windows.

Van Nuys Police Brutality Hit

VAN NUYS, Los Angeles County—Police fascism ran true to form when Mrs. Alice Schmitt fell victim to police brutality last Friday in a way which stirred many people of the town to a huge pitch of indignation.

Mrs. Schmitt's home was invaded by two police plainclothesmen in an alleged search for stolen property. Without warrant, the older son of Mrs. Schmitt, resented the intrusion and false suspicion, and the officer drew his gun, whereupon the boy struck the policeman. The mother stepped between the two only to be slapped down to the floor. The second son then entered the fight and said "You can't strike my mother." Then a second officer came in and also a third son. Net results: both cops left badly mauled.

Fake Charges

Mrs. Schmitt went to Police Station to swear out complaints against the two officers. While there they charged her with being an accomplice to resistance of officers and jailed her and the older boy.

Nevertheless it took a battery of officers to effect the arrest of the three boys. On Monday's hearing, the charge against one boy was dropped. Mrs. Schmitt and the other two boys demanded a jury trial which was set for April 9.

Much interest in the trial was shown in the hearing, through the distribution of a leaflet distributed by the San Fernando Valley section of the Communist Party, denouncing such tactics on the part of the police.

Senate Kills Tom Mooney Pardon

SACRAMENTO—By a vote of 30 to 19 the State Senate again demonstrated it is a reactionary body, defeating the Assembly's resolution asking Governor Merriam for a pardon to Tom Mooney. Previously the Senate had voted down an Assembly resolution for a legislative pardon.

300 at Stockton Cannery Meet

STOCKTON—So great is the progress of organizing cannery workers in this area that over 300 attended a mass meeting, called by the Agricultural Workers Union at Warehousemen Hall, Tuesday night.

Speakers were Carl Jensen, chairman of the organizing committee; Warren Brown and Bruce Ambrose of the Agricultural Workers Union. Agneras went to Brentwood and signed up 52 workers.

25 Years Ago—1912

APRIL 11

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—30,000 made homeless by Mississippi flood.

SAN DIEGO—Police finally grant permit for labor mass meeting protesting attacks on free speech.

LOS ANGELES—Police brutally attack I.W.W. demonstration at 1st and Los Angeles Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO—League for Protection of Unemployed appropriated \$500 to house and feed jobless.

APRIL 13

REDLANDS—Socialist candidates polled 350 to 1500 votes cost in city election.

SACRAMENTO—Socialist Party demanded Governor Johnson take steps to guarantee freedom of speech in San Diego.

APRIL 14

DAILY CITY—Socialist Party elected three of five trustees, and elected George N. Smith as city clerk in municipal elections.



# Italian Charges Against France Mask New Intervention

## SOUTHERN CALIF. CONFERENCE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM HURLS DEFI TO REACTIONARIES

Many Unions and Other Progressive Groups Represented; Map Out Program for Rights of the People

LOS ANGELES—Presenting a strong challenge to forces of reaction, delegates from 40 organizations representing more than 55,000 people met together Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, in a Southern California Regional Conference against War and Fascism.

Held under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism and attended by close to 250 persons, the meeting took place in the Studio Carpenters' Auditorium, 5164 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Unity of all forces of democracy and freedom against the common enemy fascism was the keynote of the Conference. In all the reports arising from the round table discussions held Sunday afternoon, the need for organization was stressed as the best weapon with which to defeat war and fascism.

Many Unions  
In addition to strong representation of liberal and progressive groups, many trade unions were present, including the Teachers' Union; the Pharmacists' Union; the United Automobile Workers, Locals 188 and 214; the Carpenters' Union; the Painters' Union, Local 202, and the Cap Makers' Union.

Sunday afternoon, the meeting was broken up into round table discussions dealing with Labor, Spain and Neutrality, Latin American Problems, Legislation, Youth and Education, Religious, Professional-Fraternal, and Organization.

Out of these discussions, which lasted for two and a half hours, the following proposals and recommendations were brought forth:

1. From the legislative report: recommendations for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, for the outlawing of anti-picketing legislation, against compulsory arbitration in labor disputes, against the exclusion of unemployed from the State, and support of the Assembly resolution asking for a Governor's pardon for Tom Mooney.

2. From the professional report: emphasis on the necessity for the American League to go out and contact professional and religious organizations.

3. From the labor report: emphasis on the need for unity in the labor movement, between the AFL and the CIO. A greater support to be given to the organization of the unorganized, particularly in the fields of agriculture and unemployed—support of the Workers' Alliance and Neutrality and Latin American Problems resolutions were presented protesting the present American Neutrality Act and demanding that it be applied to Germany and Italy. Strong condemnation was directed to American imperialism in Latin America, and a recommendation was made that the executive committee of the League begin a campaign against Ambassadors Gibson of Brazil and Caffery of Cuba.

4. The Youth and Education compulsory military training in report came out in opposition to schools and advocated support for the Tenny-Land and Keller-Clark bills in the legislature dealing with this subject. There was also the recommendation that the work of the National Committee for Academic Freedom be more fully co-ordinated with the activities of youth in the nation's schools.

Lively enthusiasm was shown in the adoption of many of these proposals and resolutions. Further resolutions that were adopted, supporting the California Youth Act, condemning the use of the National Guard as a strike-breaking agency, and proposing that it be put under the control of the Legislature where a two-thirds vote would be required to call it out.

## Labor Backs the Guild on U.P.

SAN FRANCISCO — In the wake of the San Francisco Labor Council's unanimous condemnation of the anti-union attitude and tactics of the United Press Association, numerous individual unions and union leaders including the San Francisco Labor Council have protested the ruthless tactics to which the local U.P. management is resorting in its efforts to destroy the Guild unit in its local bureau.

Additionally, several East Bay pastors revealed keen interest in the Northern California Newspaper Guild's efforts to protect its members of the United Press here.

Telegrams and telephone calls protesting the intimidation and discrimination to which United Pressmen here have been and are being subjected deluged local offices of the United Press and the San Francisco News and Chronicle, both U.P. clients.

## The Puerto Ricans Want Freedom



THIRTEEN INDEPENDENCE ADVOCATES and policemen were killed at Ponce, in the U.S. island possession, when an attempt was made to disperse a demonstration. Scene from meeting which was called to protest imprisonment of eight Nationalists.

## Problems for the ILA, San Pedro

By JACK MOORE, Harbor Section Organizer  
Next week the membership of ILA Local 38-82 are holding elections for new officers and for delegates to the various conventions. These elections are of great importance to the whole marine industry, as well as of importance to the local, because of the numerous vital issues facing Maritime labor. Therefore, every member of the ILA should understand these issues and the stand that the various candidates for office take on them.

The CIO  
Many members of the ILA and of other maritime unions as well, are agitated about the Committee for Industrial Organization, advocating that the marine Coast District should affiliate. While the intentions of these good brothers may be of the best, the effect their action would have on the CIO and on their own organization certainly would not be the most effective way to support the CIO.

This is pointed out clearly by ILA District President Harry Bridges in a pre-convention report which he made to the membership. We quote from that report, as printed in the "Voice of the Federation," April 1, 1937:

"The time is here when the ILA as a militant and democratic organization on record to support the CIO, must take a definite stand. And this stand must be taken at the coming convention."

"Through communications and a personal interview with John L. Lewis, I am fully acquainted with the program of the CIO. Premature moves, such as requesting affiliation with the CIO as local unions or district unions, etc., merely play into the hands of his opponents. The program of the CIO is against splitting the AFL against the AFL and its various state and central bodies, and against CIO affiliation of local or district groups as yet."

"The CIO, on the other hand, requires all possible support in its fight against the reactionaries in the AFL and the determination of these AFL officials, whose record is all too well known to the workers, to sabotage the organization of workers in the mass production industries into industrial unions."

"We have the example in the ILA, the move of the AFL in conjunction with Ryan, our own international president, to split off the warehousemen from the ILA."

"In view of the above, I would recommend to the membership that the ILA district reiterate their position as pledging full support to the campaign and aims of the CIO as against the splitting tactics of the AFL leadership and actively carry on the fight in support of the CIO in all labor bodies we are affiliated with."

"I would further recommend that at the coming ILA convention we take steps to force international support for the CIO, also demanding an international referendum vote of the ILA on the question."

Another factor which the ILA members of 38-82 should consider, in conjunction with the Los Angeles

sider, in conjunction with the CIO, is the situation on the East Coast. There the rank and file seamen are fighting with the ISU fakers, the reactionary AFL executive board, and the shipowners for control of their own unions.

On the success of this fight depends the future of the National Maritime Federation. If the West Coast unions should pull out and leave the East Coast men holding the sack, then they would only be weakening themselves for future struggles, when they will need East Coast support. Also, they would be leaving the reactionary Ryan firmly in the saddle in the ILA, for the healthy influence of East Coast rank and file seamen on the longshoremen of the East Coast would be removed.

Therefore, it should be clear that the proposal of President Bridges is a correct one, and one which all progressives should support in the coming elections.

Political Action  
At the April first meeting of the ILA, a request from the campaign committee for Draper for Council, asking for financial support, was turned down. Yet Fred Draper is the president of the San Pedro Central Labor Council! Why did the local take such a stand?

Is it not a fact that Draper's chief opponent, the incumbent Franklyn P. Buyer, double-crossed the ILA and other marine unions in the last strike, when he fought for the \$45,000 appropriation to keep a large police force on the waterfront?

It is true that Draper has not been conducting a forthright campaign on labor issues; instead, he has been trying to appeal to the non-labor vote, on the theory that he has the full support of labor. The weakness of this position lies in the fact that such a campaign will not mobilize sufficiently organized labor to get to the polls and vote!

But things would have been far different if the progressives in 38-82 had lined the membership up behind a forthright program for labor's right to organize, strike, and picket, for civil liberties, social security, etc. Then Draper's campaign would have reflected this sentiment and would have been far more vigorous and appealing to the membership of organized labor as a whole.

Labor's Own Program  
The gains won in Seattle under the "pro-labor" Mayor, Dore; the repeal of the 20-year-old San Francisco anti-picketing ordinance; the passage in the State Assembly of a resolution to pardon Tom Mooney; the defeat of the Copeland Pink Book—these are just small indications of the tremendous gains which can be made when organized labor cuts

## THREATENING MORE DIRECT SPAIN ATTACK

Press Campaign Lays Basis for New Moves

ROME—With Italian troops already having been reliably reported as landing in Spain since the March 20 "deadline," the Italian Fascist government and press have begun a build-up to openly non-intervention and "reassume full liberty of action."

The campaign was opened by charges in the newspaper "Giornale d'Italia" of shipments of airplanes, pistols and ammunition shipped from France or arranged through France from Vienna and Prague.

Preparing the Ground  
A spokesman for the government then announced that Italy may withdraw from the non-intervention accord, declaring there appeared to be no reason "to doubt the authenticity" of the charges.

Aside from the fact that all news in Italian papers represents government policy strictly, the "exposure" does not even charge that any such shipments were made after the March 20 deadline.

The new Italian charges and threats are not merely a threat of open mass intervention in Spain, but an excuse for intervention that was not stopped with the "agreement" for an end to sending "volunteers" after March 20.

C. M. Attacks  
Fascist Spies

MEXICO — Fascist spies in Mexico gave information leading to the capture of the munitions ship Mar Cantabrico off Spain March 8, according to charges made public here by the Confederation of Mexican Workers. An investigation was demanded of the attorney general's office.

Spies were charged also with watching the Motomur, now preparing to sail for Spain.

Loyalists Had Taken  
Precautions

GIBRALTAR—"We were gyped," admitted the talkative Fascist General Queipo de Llano in a Seville broadcast. The captured ship Mar Cantabrico, which sailed loaded from Mexico contained, he said, only:

"One Douglas motor, used 800 hours. It burst into flames when attached to one of our planes. Twelve cannon—dating from the deluge. Sixteen sub-machine guns. Twenty old model machine guns."

Then he charged, "The only useful cargo consisted of two million dum-dum bullets," a remarkable piece of booty to remain on board after the ship had apparently been very thoroughly unladen of other material, including the airplanes.

Itself loose from capitalist politicians and starts electing its own men, with its own program. The need for this political action grows greater as labor organizes better economically. The Guffey-Bland Bill, in Congress, which will outlaw maritime strikes; the Biggar Bill in the California Senate, which would set up compulsory arbitration and outlaw strikes here; the Knowland Bill, passed by the California Senate, which would forbid "interference with transportation of food or medical supplies"; the recent attempt in the Los Angeles city council to make labor-baiting Police Chief James E. Davis irremovable from office and unanswerable to public opinion—all these things show that labor must organize politically if it does not want the employers to take away by law what it has won on the picket line.

Therefore, the progressives should line up behind candidates who are committed to political action by the union.

For Unity of the Maritime Federation  
Recent indiscreet action by officials of the Firemen and Sailors, on the Lancaster-beef, has

## Expulsion Threats To Advocate of Unity in Britain

LONDON—Attempting to stop the growth of united front sentiment in the British Labor Party, its leaders have issued an "ultimatum" to Sir Stafford Cripps and other leaders who have actually supported the proposition to admit the Communist Party as an affiliate.

These leaders were instructed to stop their united front activities within two months or be expelled from the Labor Party. A capacity crowd of 3000 and an overflow of 1000 in another hall recently attended a united front meeting in Glasgow where Cripps spoke from the same platform with James Maxton, Independent Labor Party, and Harry Pollitt, general secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

Admission of the Communist Party was defeated at the last congress of the Labor Party, despite large popular support, by the huge bloc votes cast by officials of the large trade unions. Voters of the Miners' Federation, however, were cast in favor of admission.

given the opportunity to some of the shipowners' agents in the ILA to talk about pulling out of the Federation. Anyone who can see as far as he can spit, or who can remember what conditions were before the 1934 unity of the Seamen and Longshoremen, can recognize this line of talk for what it is—shipowners' propaganda. While there is a great need for improvement in the relations between the unions comprising the Federation, so that picket lines are not thrown up without consulting all groups; certainly the difficulty is not going to be met by splitting the Federation wide open.

Therefore, progressives should line up behind candidates who intend to strengthen and improve the Maritime Federation. Unity between the east and west coasts and between maritime workers and the rest of organized labor depends on that.

The Negro Question

The chauvinistic cry: "The Negroes want to chase us off the waterfront," is another example of shipowners' propaganda which must be met with a clear line by the progressives. The danger of side-stepping this issue is well illustrated by the recent experience of 38-79, when the fink Holman tried to organize Negro workers to scab, telling them that the ILA discriminated against men who happened to be born with a black skin. His attempt broke down when Negro members of 38-79 presented themselves to the fellows who had been misled by Holman and proved him a liar.

But what would happen in San Pedro, if a Los Angeles fink-

## Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER  
When the wife and I came to California, in 1910, we roomed at the home of L. Gutierrez De Lara. He was a refugee from Mexico with a price on his head by order of the bloody despot, Diaz. His wife was a native of the U. S. A.

His friends, Flores Magnon, Antonio T. Vellereal and Librado were in prison in Arizona on charges of conspiring against the Mexican government. He himself was arrested just before President Taft came to Los Angeles to speak, accused of being an anarchist and a dangerous character.

A Mexican Leader

All the Mexican Revolutionists were accused of being dangerous anarchists by the Hearst and Otis Press. As I have written before, Hearst and Otis owned vast estates in Mexico which the revolutionists threatened to take from them and divide among the peons.

header tried the same thing? The fact is, there is not a Negro member in 38-82.

There is no excuse for this situation. The Negro Cotton Compress Workers have shown they are serious union men by organizing 95 per cent strong in the last four months. They are able workers, intelligent and conscious union brothers; and they should be given consideration when there is extra work on the docks, or when the books are open for new members. They ask no special privilege, but only the simple right of equality of opportunity. Certainly they deserve this consideration as a component part of the ILA, more than unassociated groups such as the General Laborers, the Shipyard Workers, and others, who have been called recently when there was extra work.

Progressives must not side-step this issue. They must educate the backward brothers who are still victims of boss-inspired racial prejudice, just as they educated these backward brothers to come into the union when the ILA was organizing in '33 and

De Lara's wife secured his release from prison on \$1,000 bail. He was devoted to the Mexican Cause. He was a brilliant speaker.

A paid lecturer of the Socialist Party, he dared to criticize Diaz, a crime in Mexico and Los Angeles. He advocated the return to the Constitution of 1857 which granted "Liberty to the people, free speech, press and assembly, forbade a standing army, against monopoly of land, against peonage."

(To be continued)

At the present time reactionaries are engaged in a mud-slinging, "whispering" campaign against progressive candidates. They try to make the membership believe that their differences of opinion are personal difference with the progressives. Consequently, the membership does not see clearly where their interests lie. To them, the struggle between progressives and reactionaries is only a struggle between "cliques" who want to seize control of the local.

This misunderstanding must be overcome by a united effort of all progressive forces in the ILA, who should line up a slate of candidates who will go down the line on the progressive program on all the basic questions facing the membership. Nor should these candidates be judged on promises alone, but by their previous records as members and officers of the local.

Any member of the ILA wishing to contact the Communist Party in San Pedro for more information can do so by writing to P. O. Box 1291, San Pedro.

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Report of Comrade Stalin at Plenum of Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.S.R., March 3, 1937

# The Shortcomings of Party Work and the Measures for Liquidation of Trotzkyites and Other Double Dealers

Following is the full text of the report of Comrade Joseph Stalin at the Plenum (plenary session) of the Central Committee Communist Party of the Soviet Union, March 3, 1937.

Comrades:

It can be seen from the reports and the discussion on them at the plenum that we are dealing here with the following three basic facts:

Firstly, the wrecking and diverse spying work of the agents of foreign countries, among whom the Trotzkyites played an active enough role, affected to some degree or other all or almost all our organizations, both economic, administrative and Party.

Secondly, the agents of foreign countries among the Trotzkyites penetrated not only into the lower organizations but also into some responsible positions.

Thirdly, some of our leading comrades, both in the center and in the localities, were not only unable to recognize the real faces of these wreckers, diversionists, spies and murderers, but they were so careless, complacent and naive that not infrequently they themselves assisted the agents of foreign powers to get various responsible positions.

These are three indisputable facts which naturally arise from the reports and the discussion on them.

## Section 1: Political Carelessness

How can it be explained that our leading comrades, who have a rich experience of struggle against every kind of anti-Party and anti-Soviet trend, proved to be so blind and naive in this case that they were unable to recognize the real face of the enemies of the people, were unable to discern the wolves in sheep's clothing, were unable to tear the mask from them?

Can it be stated that the wrecking and diversionist—spying—work of the agents of foreign powers who were busy on the territory of the U.S.S.R. can be something unexpected and unprecedented for us? No, this cannot be stated. This is shown by the wrecking acts in various branches of national economy during the past ten years, starting with the Shakhiti period, which are set out in official documents.

Can it be stated that we have lately had no warning signals and forewarning directives about the wrecking, spying or terroristic activity of the Trotzky-Zinovievite agents of fascism? No, this cannot be stated. There were such signals, and Bolsheviks have no right to forget them.

The foul murder of Comrade Kirov was the first serious warning showing that the enemies of the people will practice duplicity and, in doing so, will disguise themselves as Bolsheviks, as Party members, so as to worm their way into confidence and open a path for themselves into our organizations.

The trial of the "Leningrad Center," like the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial, provided new foundations for the lessons arising from the fact of the foul murder of Comrade Kirov.

The trial of the "Zinoviev-Trotzkyite



JOSEPH STALIN  
GENERAL SECRETARY, Communist  
Party of the Soviet Union.

bloc" extended the lessons of the previous trials, plainly showing that the Zinovievites and Trotzkyites unite around themselves all the hostile bourgeois elements, that they had become the spying and diversionist—terroristic—agency of the German Secret Police, that double-dealing and concealment are the only means by which the Zinovievites and Trotzkyites can penetrate into our organizations, that vigilance and political keenness are the truest means of preventing such penetration, for the liquidation of the Zinovievite-Trotzkyite gang.

The Central Committee of the C.P.S.U. in its closed letter of January 18, 1935,

regarding the foul murder of Comrade Kirov gave a resolute warning to the Party organizations against political complacency and parochial gaping. It says in the closed letter:

"We must put an end to opportunist complacency arising from the mistaken presupposition that in proportion to the growth of our forces the enemy will grow even tamer and more inoffensive. Such a presupposition is basically wrong. It is a belch of the right deviation, which assured everyone that the enemies would quietly creep into socialism, that in the long run they would become real socialists. It is not the business of the Bolsheviks to rest on their laurels and stand around gaping. It is not complacency that we need but vigilance, real Bolshevik revolutionary vigilance. It must be remembered that the more desperate the position of the enemies, the more willing they will be to seize on extreme measures as the only measures of doomed people in their struggle against Soviet power. We must remember this and be vigilant."

In the closed letter of July 30, 1936, regarding the spying and terroristic activity of the Trotzkyite-Zinovievite bloc, the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U. called on the Party organization to show the maximum vigilance, to be able to recognize the enemies of the people no matter how well masked. It says in the closed letter:

"Now when it has been proved that the Trotzkyite-Zinovievite seem unite all the most bitter and sworn enemies of the working people of our country—spies, agents, provocateurs, diversionists, White Guards, kulaks etc.—in the struggle against Soviet power, when every distinguishing mask has been obliterated between these elements on the one hand and the Trotzkyites and Zinovievites on the other, all our Party organizations, all members of the Party must understand that the vigilance of Communists is necessary in every field and in all situations. An indispensable quality of every Bolshevik in the present conditions must be the ability to recognize the enemy of the Party no matter how well he be masked."

So signals and warnings were given. What did these signals, and warnings call for?

They called for the liquidation of the weakness of Party organizational work and the conversion of the Party into an impenetrable fortress into which not a single double-dealer could penetrate.

They called for putting a stop to the underestimation of Party political work and making a resolute turn in the direction of strengthening such work to the utmost, in the direction of strengthening political vigilance.

And what happened? The facts have shown that our comrades took in these signals and warnings with more than stiffness.

This is eloquently shown by all the facts which we know from the sphere of the campaign for verifying and exchanging Party documents.

How can it be explained that these warnings and signals did not produce the proper action?

How can it be explained that our Party comrades in spite of their experience of struggle against anti-Soviet elements, in spite of a whole series of warning signals and forewarning directives, proved to be politically shortsighted in the face of the wrecking and spying diverse work of the enemies of the people?

Is it that our Party comrades have become worse than they were before, have become less conscientious and disciplined? No, of course not.

Is it that they have begun to degenerate? Again, no. Such a supposition is completely unfounded.

Then, what is the matter? Whence arises such gaping, carelessness, complacency, blindness?

The fact is that our Party comrades, carried away by economic campaigns and by enormous successes on the front of economic construction, simply forgot some very important facts which Bolsheviks have no right to forget. They forgot one fundamental fact from the sphere of the international position of the U.S.S.R. and didn't notice two very important facts which apply directly to the present wreckers, spies, diversionists and murderers sheltering behind the Party card and disguised as Bolsheviks.

## Section 2: Capitalist Encirclement

What are these facts which our Party comrades forgot, or which they simply did not notice?

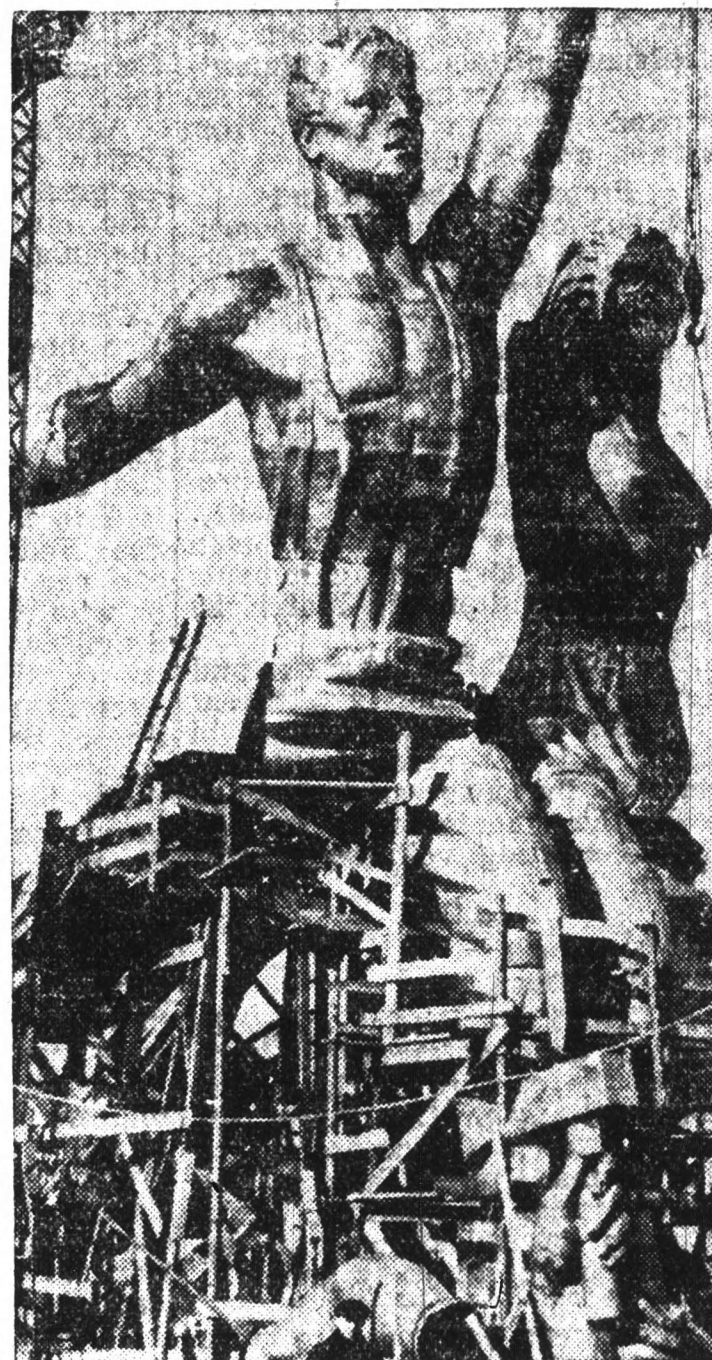
They forgot that Soviet power has conquered only one-sixth of the world, that five-sixths of the world are in the possession of capitalist powers. They forgot that the Soviet Union is in the conditions of capitalist encirclement. It is an accepted thing to talk loosely about capitalist encirclement, but people do not want to ponder upon what sort of a thing this capitalist encirclement is.

Capitalist encirclement—that is no empty phrase, that is a very real and unpleasant

feature. Capitalist encirclement means that here is one country, the Soviet Union, which has established the socialist order on its own territory and besides this there are many countries, bourgeois countries, which continue to carry on a capitalist mode of life and which surround the Soviet Union, waiting for an opportunity to attack it, break it, or at any rate to undermine its power and weaken it.

Our comrades forget this fundamental fact. But it is that precisely which determines the basis of relations between the capitalist encirclement and the Soviet Union.

Take for example the bourgeois states. Simple minded people may think that ex-



THE USSR is forging this gigantic symbol of the Revolution which will surmount the 110-foot tower of the Soviet Pavilion at the Paris exposition. Made of stainless steel, it represents a young worker and a collective farm girl.

remely good relations reign between them, as between states of the same type. But only simple minded people can think so. In reality the relations between them are far from being those of good neighbors. It has been proved as plainly as two and two make four that the bourgeois states shower their spies, wreckers, diversionists and sometimes murderers on each other, behind their frontiers, give them instructions to worm themselves into the factories and institutions of these states, to create their own network there and "in case of necessity" to smash them from the rear so as to weaken them and undermine their power. Such is the case at the present time.

Such, too, has been the case in the past. Take, for example, the countries of Europe at the time of Napoleon the First. France at that time was swarming with spies and diversionists from the camp of the Russians, Germans, Austrians and English. And at the same time, England, the German states, Austria and Russia had, behind their lines, no fewer spies and diversionists from the French camp. Agents of Great Britain twice made attempts on the life of Napoleon, and several times roused the peasants of the Vendee in France against the government of Napoleon. And what was Napoleon's government? A bourgeois government which had strangled the French Revolution and retained only those results of the revolution which were profitable to the big bourgeoisie. Needless to say, Napoleon's government did not remain indebted to its neighbors. It also undertook its own diversional measures. Such was the case in the past, 130 years ago. Such is the case now, 130 years after Napoleon I. France and England at the present day are swarming with German spies and diversionists and, on the other hand, Anglo-French spies and diversionists in turn are at work in Germany. America is swarming with Japanese spies and diversionists, and Japan with American.

Such is the law of relations between bourgeois states.

The question must be put: Why should the bourgeois countries be gentler and more neighborly to the Soviet Socialist Government than they are to bourgeois states of their own type? Why should they send fewer spies, wreckers, diversionists and murderers behind the frontiers of the Soviet Union than they send behind the frontiers of bourgeois countries which are akin to them? Where did you get this from? Will it not be truer, from the point of view of Marxism, to suppose that the bourgeois states must be sending twice or three times as many wreckers, spies, diversionists and murderers behind the lines of the Soviet Union than behind those of any

bourgeois state?

Is it not clear that as long as capitalist encirclement exists there will be wreckers, spies, diversionists and murderers in our country, sent behind our lines by the agents of foreign states?

Our Party comrades forgot about all this, and having forgotten were caught unaware.

This is why the spying and diverse work of the Trotzkyite agents of the Japanese and German secret police was completely unexpected by some of our comrades.

## Section 3: Present-Day Trotzkyism

To proceed. In carrying on a struggle against the Trotzkyite agents, our Party comrades did not notice, they overlooked the fact that present-day Trotzkyism is no longer what it was, let us say, seven or eight years ago; that Trotzkyism and the Trotzkyites have passed through a serious evolution in this period which has utterly changed the face of Trotzkyism; that in view of this the struggle against Trotzkyism and the method of struggle against it must also be utterly changed. Our Party comrades did not notice Trotzkyism has ceased to be a political trend in the working class, that it has changed from the political trend in the working class which it was seven or eight years ago, into a frantic and unprincipled gang of wreckers, diversionists, spies and murderers acting on the instructions of the intelligence service of foreign states.

What is a political trend in the working class? A political trend in the working class is a group of a party which has its own definite political face, platform and program, which does not and cannot hide its views from the working class, but on the contrary, openly and honestly carries on propaganda for its views in full view of the working class, does not fear to show its political face to the working class, does not fear to demonstrate its real aims and tasks to the working class, but on the contrary goes to the working class with open visor to convince it of the correctness of its views. In the past, seven or eight years ago, Trotzkyism was one of such political trends in the working class, an anti-Leninist trend, it is true, and therefore profoundly mistaken, but nevertheless a political trend.

Can it be said that present-day Trotzkyism, the 1936 Trotzkyism, let us say, is a political trend in the working class? No, present-day Trotzkyites are afraid to show their real face to the working class, are afraid to disclose their real aims and tasks to it, and carefully hide their political face from the working class, fearing that if the working class should learn of their real intentions it will curse them as an alien people and drive them from it. This in reality explains how it is that the chief method of Trotzkyite work is now not open and honest propaganda of its views among the working class, but the masking of its views, servile and fawning praise for the views of its opponents, a false and pharisaical trampling of its own views in the dirt.

If you remember, Kamenev and Zinoviev at the trial in 1936 strenuously denied that they had any political platform. It was fully possible for them to develop their political platform at the trial. But they did not do so, declaring that they had no political platform. There can be no doubt that both of them were lying when they denied that they had a platform. Even the blind can now see that they had their political platform. But why did they deny the existence of any political platform? Because they were afraid to disclose their real political face, they were afraid to demonstrate their real platform for the restoration of capitalism in the U.S.S.R., fearing that such a platform would arouse revolution in the working class.

At the trial in 1937, Pyatakov, Radek and Sokolnikov took a different line. They did not deny that the Trotzkyites and Zinovievites had a political platform. They admitted that they had a definite political platform, recognized and unfolded it in their testimony. But they unfolded it not to call on the working class, not to call on the people to support the Trotzkyite platform, but in order to curse it and brand it as an anti-people's and anti-proletarian platform.

The restoration of capitalism, the liquidation of the collective farms and state farms, the restoration of the system of exploitation, an alliance with the fascist forces of Germany and Japan to bring war against the Soviet Union nearer, a struggle for war against the policy of peace, the territorial dismemberment of the Soviet Union, giving the Ukraine to the Germans and the maritime provinces to the Japanese, the preparation of the military defeat of the Soviet Union if enemy states should attack it, and as a means of achieving these tasks, wrecking, diversion, individual terrorism against the leaders of the Soviet government, espionage for the benefit of the Japanese and German fascist forces—

such was the political platform of present-day Trotzkyism which was set forth by Pyatakov, Radek and Sokolnikov.

Naturally the Trotzkyites could not but hide such a platform from the people, from the working class. And they hid it not only from the working class but also from the Trotzkyite rank and file, and not only from the leading group of the Trotzkyites, consisting of a small handful of 30 or 40 people. When Radek and Pyatakov asked Trotzky's permission to call a small conference, 30 or 40 people, to inform them of the character of this platform, Trotzky forbade them, saying it was inexpedient to talk of the real nature of the platform even to a small group of Trotzkyites as such an "operation" might cause a split.

"Political figures" hiding their views and their platform not only from the working class but also from the Trotzkyite rank and file, and not only the Trotzkyite rank and file, but from the leading group of Trotzkyites—such is the face of present-day Trotzkyism.

But it follows from this that present-day Trotzkyism can no longer be called a political trend in the working class.

Present-day Trotzkyism is not a political trend in the working class but a gang without principle, without ideas, of wreckers, divers, spies, intelligence service agents, spies, murderers, a gang of sworn enemies of the working class, working in the pay of the intelligence service of foreign states.

Such is the indisputable result of the evolution of Trotzkyism in the past seven or eight years.

Such is the difference between Trotzkyism in the past and Trotzkyism at the present time.

The mistake of our Party comrades is that they did not notice this profound difference between Trotzkyism in the past and Trotzkyism at the present time. They did not notice that the Trotzkyites have long since ceased to be people devoted to an idea, that the Trotzkyites have long since turned into highway robbers, capable of any foulness, capable of all that is disgusting, to the point of espionage and the outright betrayal of their country, if only they can harm the Soviet government and Soviet power. They did not notice this and were therefore unable to reconstruct themselves in time to wage battle against the Trotzkyites in a new and more regular manner.

This is why the abominable work of the Trotzkyites of late years was a complete surprise for some of our Party comrades.

To proceed. Finally, our Party comrades did not notice that there is an important difference between the present-day wreckers and diversionists on the one hand, among whom the Trotzkyite agents of fascism play "an active part," and the wreckers and diversionists of the time of the Shakhiti trial on the other hand.

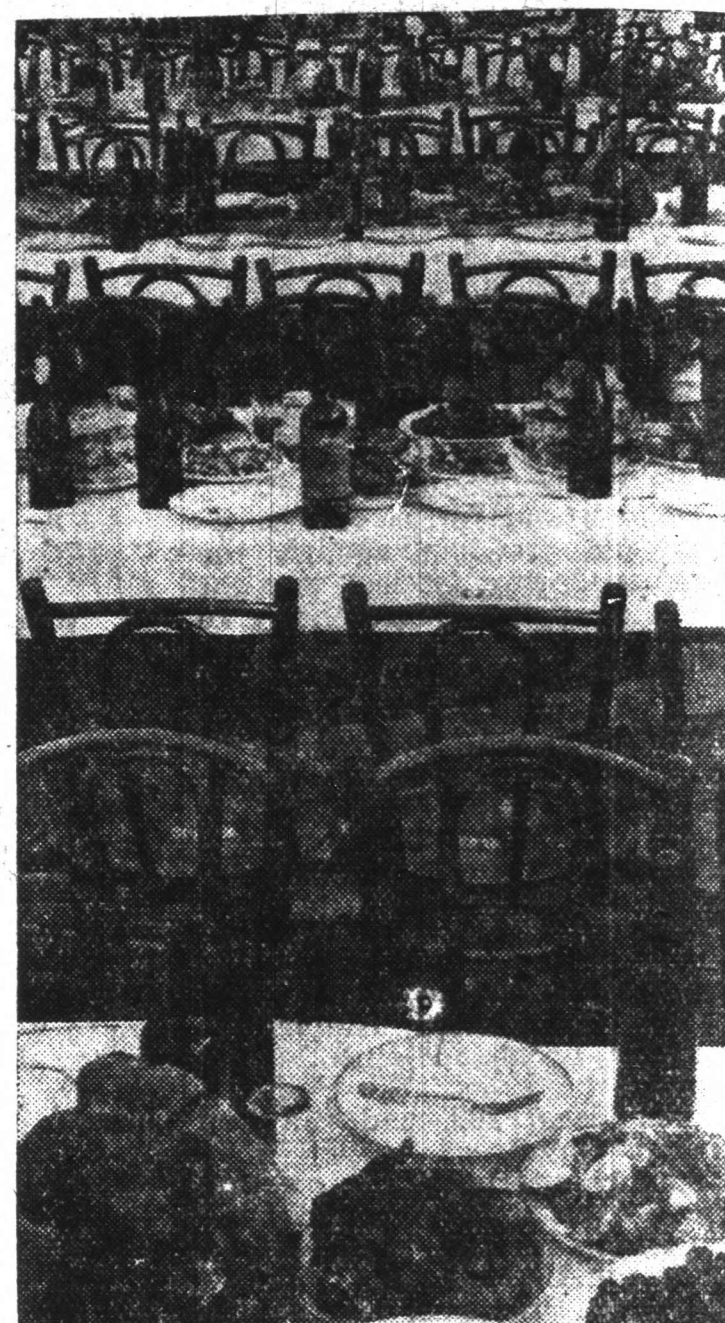
In the first place, the "Shakhiti" and "Industrial Party" wreckers were people openly alien to us. They were in greater part former owners of factories, former managers for the old employers, former shareholders of the old joint stock companies, or simple bourgeois specialists who were openly hostile to us politically. None of our people had any doubt about the authenticity of the political face of these gentlemen. And the Shakhiti wreckers themselves did not conceal this distaste for the Soviet system.

The same cannot be said of the present-day wreckers and diversionists, the Trotzkyites. The present-day wreckers and diversionists, the Trotzkyites, are mostly Party people with a Party card in their pocket, and consequently people who formally are not alien to us. Whereas the old wreckers went against our people, the new wreckers on the contrary, cringe to our people, laud them, lick their boots, in order to worm their way into their confidence. As you see, the difference is essential.

In the second place, the strength of the Shakhiti and "Industrial Party" wreckers was that to a greater or lesser degree they possessed the necessary technical knowledge, while our people, not possessing such knowledge, were forced to learn from them. This circumstance gave a great advantage to the wreckers of the Shakhiti period, made it possible for them to do their wrecking work freely and unhindered, made it possible for them to deceive our people technically.

This is not so with the present-day wreckers, with the Trotzkyites. The present-day wreckers have no technical superiority over our people. On the contrary, our people are better trained technically than the present-day wreckers, than the Trotzkyites. During the time from the Shakhiti period to our own days, tens or thousands of genuine, technically strong Bolshevik cadres have grown up among us. One could mention thousands and tens of thousands of Bolshevik leading figures technically developed in comparison with whom all such people as Pyatakov, Livshitz, Sheshtov and Boguslavsky, Muralov and Drobnis

are empty windbags and mere tyros from the point of view of technical training. In this case, what does the strength of the present-day wreckers, the Trotzkyites, consist of? Their strength lies in the Party card. This strength lies in the fact that



A BANQUET IS prepared for workers in a Soviet plant who have completed their annual plan of work.

the Party card gives them political trust and opens the doors of all our institutions to them.

Their advantage lies in the fact that, holding a Party card and pretending to be friends of the Soviet power they tricked our people politically, misused their confidence, did their wrecking work furtively, and disclosed our secrets of state to the enemies of the Soviet Union. This "advantage" is a doubtful one in its political and moral values but still it is an "advantage." This "advantage" in reality explains the fact that the Trotzkyite wreckers, as people with a Party card having access to all places in our institutions and organizations, were a real windfall for the intelligence services of foreign states.

The mistakes of some of our Party comrades is that they did not notice, did not understand all this difference between the old and the new wreckers, between the Shakhiti wreckers and the Trotzkyites, and not noticing this, they were unable to reconstruct themselves in time so as to wage battle against the new wreckers in a new way.

## Section 4: The Seamy Side of Economic Successes

Such are the basic facts from the sphere of our international and internal situation, about which many of our Party comrades forgot, or which they did not notice.

This is why our people were taken by surprise by the events of the last few years as regards wrecking and diversion.

It may be asked: But why did our people not notice all this, why did they forget about this?

Where did all this forgetfulness, blindness, carelessness and complacency come from?

Is it an organic defect in the work of our people? No, it is not an organic defect. It is a temporary phenomenon which can be rapidly liquidated by some efforts on the part of our people.

Then what is the matter?

The matter is that our Party comrades have been totally absorbed in economic work in recent years, have been engrossed to the limit in economic success, and being engrossed in all these things, forgot about all else, threw aside all else.

The matter is that being carried away by economic success they began to regard this as the beginning and the end of everything, and simply gave up paying attention to such things as the international position of the Soviet Union, capitalist encirclement, strengthening of the political work of the Party, struggle against wrecking, etc., supposing all these questions to be second-rate and even third-rate matters.

Successes and achievements are of course a great thing. Our successes in the sphere of socialist construction are truly enormous.

But successes, like everything else under the sun, have their seamy side. Among people who are not very skilled in politics big successes and big achievements not

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infrequently give rise to carelessness, complacency, self-satisfaction, overweening self-confidence, swell-headedness and bragging. You cannot deny that braggarts have lately developed among us tremendously. It is not surprising in these circumstances of big and serious successes in the sphere of socialist construction that feelings of boastfulness are created, feelings of showy demonstration of our successes, and feelings are created for underestimating the strength of our enemies, and feeling of overestimation of our own strength, and as a result of all this, political blindness appears.

I must here say a few words about the dangers connected with successes, about the dangers connected with achievements.

We know by experience of the dangers connected with difficulties. For a number of years we have been fighting against such kinds of dangers and I must say not without success. Among people who are not staunch, dangers connected with difficulties not infrequently give rise to downcast feelings, distrust in their own forces, feelings of pessimism. And, on the contrary, when it is a matter of fighting against the dangers which arise from difficulties, people are tempered in this struggle and emerge from the struggle really granite Bolsheviks.

Such is the nature of the dangers connected with difficulties. Such are the results of overcoming difficulties.

But there is another kind of danger, the danger connected with successes, the danger connected with achievements. Yes, yes, comrades, dangers connected with successes, with achievements. These dangers consist in the fact that among people little skilled in politics and not having seen much, the conditions of successes—success after success, achievement after achievement, the overfulfillment of plans after the overfulfillment of plans—gives rise to feelings of carelessness and self-satisfaction, creates an atmosphere of showy triumphs and mutual congratulations which kill the sense of proportion and dull political instinct, take the spring out of people and impel them to rest on their laurels.

It is not surprising that in this narcotic atmosphere of swell-headedness and self-satisfaction, this atmosphere of showy demonstrations and loud self-praise, people forget some essential facts which are of first grade significance for the fate of our country; people begin to miss seeing such unpleasant facts as capitalist encirclement, the new forms of wrecking, the dangers connected with our successes, etc.

Capitalist encirclement? A mere bagatelle! What significance can some capitalist encirclement or other have if we fulfill and surpass our economic plans? The new forms of wrecking, the struggle against Trotskyism? Mere details! What significance can all these trifles have when we fulfill and surpass our economic plans? The Party statutes, the election of Party organs, the reporting of Party leaders to the mass or the Party members? Is there really any need for all this? Is it worth while worrying about all these trifles at all if our economy grows and the material situation of the workers and peasants becomes ever better and better? Mere details! We overfulfill the plans, our Party is not bad, the Central Committee of the Party is also not bad—what else do we need? They are funny people sitting there in Moscow in the Central Committee of the Party. They invent some kind of questions, talk about some wreckings or other, don't sleep themselves, and don't let other people sleep.

This is an example plain to see of how easily and "simply" some of our inexperienced comrades are infected with political blindness as the result of a dizzying rapine in economic successes.

Such are the dangers connected with successes, with achievements.

Such are the reasons why our Party comrades have carried away by economic successes, have forgotten facts of an international and internal character which are of real importance for the Soviet Union, and have not noticed a whole series of damages surrounding our country.

Such are the roots of our carelessness, forgetfulness, complacency and political blindness.

Such are the roots of the shortcomings in our economic and Party work.

## Section 5:

### Our Tasks

How are we to liquidate the shortcomings in our work?

What must be done in order to do this? It is necessary to carry out the following measures:

1.—First and foremost, the attention of our Party comrades who get bogged on "current questions" in one department or another must be turned towards the big political questions of both international and internal character.

2.—The political work of our Party must be raised to the proper level, making the main task that of the political training and

Bolshevik steeling of the Party Soviet and economic cadres.

3.—It should be explained to our Party comrades that the economic successes, the significance of which is undoubtedly very great and which we shall also strive for in the future day after day, year after year, are nevertheless not the whole of our socialist construction.

It should be explained that the seamy sides connected with economic successes and expressed in self-satisfaction, in carelessness, in the political deadening of political intuition, can be liquidated only if economic successes are combined with the successes of Party construction and the developed political work of our Party.

It should be explained that economic successes themselves, their stability and duration, wholly and fully depend on the successes of Party organizational and Party political work; that without this condition economic successes may prove to be built on sand.

4.—It should be remembered and never forgotten that as long as capitalist encirclement exists there will be wreckers, diversionists, spies, terrorists, sent behind the frontiers of the Soviet Union by the intelligence services of foreign states; this should be remembered and a struggle should be carried on against those comrades who underestimate the significance of the fact of capitalist encirclement, who underestimate the strength and significance of wrecking.

It should be explained to our Party comrades that no economic successes whatsoever, no matter how great they are, can annul the fact of capitalist encirclement and the results arising therefrom.

The necessary measures must be taken to give our comrades, both Party and non-Party Bolsheviks, the possibility of getting acquainted with the aims and tasks, with the practice and technique of the wrecking, diversionist and espionage work of the foreign intelligence services.

5.—It should be explained to our Party comrades that the Trotskyites, who represent the active elements in the diversionist, wrecking and espionage work of the foreign intelligence services, have already long ceased to be a political trend in the working class, that they have already long ceased to serve any idea compatible with the interests of the working class, that they have turned into a gang of wreckers, diversionists, spies, assassins without principles and ideas, working for the foreign intelligence services.

It should be explained that in the struggle against contemporary Trotskyism, not the old methods, the methods of discussion, must be used, but new methods, methods of smashing and uprooting it.

6.—The difference between the present-day wreckers and the wreckers of the "Shakhti" period should be explained to our Party comrades. It should be explained to them that whereas the wreckers of the Shakhti period misled our people in the sphere of technique, utilizing their technical backwardness, the present-day wreckers with a Party card in their possession deceive our people by utilizing the political trust shown towards them as Party members, utilizing the political carelessness of our people.

To the old slogan of the mastery of techniques which corresponded to the Shakhti period there must be added the new slogan calling for the political training of our cadres, the mastery of Bolshevism and the liquidation of our political trustfulness, a slogan which fully corresponds to the present period we are now passing through.

The question may be asked: Was it not possible ten years ago, at the time of the Shakhti period to advance both slogans simultaneously; i.e., the first slogan regarding the mastery of techniques and the second slogan regarding the political training of cadres? No, it was not possible. Things are not done that way in the Bolshevik Party. At the turning points of the revolutionary movement, some basic slogan is always advanced as the key slogan in order, by catching on to it, to draw in the whole chain. That is what Lenin taught us: find the main link in the chain of our work, lay hold of it, draw it in, in order through it to draw in the whole chain and go forward. The history of the revolutionary movement shows that this is the only correct tactic.

In the Shakhti period, the weakness of our people lay in their technical backwardness. Technical questions and not political ones were our weak spots at that time. As far as our political attitude towards wreckers of that time was concerned, it was perfectly clear that it was the attitude of Bolsheviks towards politically alien people. We liquidated this technical weakness of ours by advancing the slogan regarding the mastery of technique and by educating tens and hundreds of thousands of technically steered Bolshevik cadres during the past period.

It is a different question now when we



One of latest accomplishments in Soviet aviation, a plane whose wing seats passengers

have technically developed Bolshevik cadres and when the part of wreckers is played not by openly alien people in possession of technical superiority over our own people, but by people in possession of Party membership cards and enjoying all the rights of Party membership. The weakness from which our people suffer now is not technical backwardness, but political carelessness, blind faith in people who have come by chance into possession of Party membership cards, the failure to check up on people not according to the political declarations they make, but according to the results of the work they do. The key question now facing us is not the liquidation of the technical backwardness of our cadres, for in the main this has already been done, but the liquidation of the political carelessness and political trustfulness in wreckers who have by chance obtained possession of Party membership cards.

Such is the fundamental difference between the key question in respect to the struggle for cadres in the period of the Shakhti days and the key question of the present period.

That is why ten years ago we could and should not have issued both the slogans together, namely, the one regarding the mastery of technique and the one regarding the political training of cadres.

This is why the old slogan of the mastery of technique must now be supplemented by the new slogan of the mastery of Bolshevism, the political training of cadres and the liquidation of our political carelessness.

7.—We must destroy and cast aside the rotten theory that with every advance we make the class struggle here of necessity would die down more and more, and that in proportion as we achieve successes the class enemy would become more and more tractable.

This is not only a rotten theory but a dangerous one, for it lulls our people, leads them into a trap, and makes it possible for the class enemy to rally for the struggle against the Soviet Government.

On the contrary, the further forward we advance, the greater the successes we achieve, the greater will be the fury of the remnants of the broken exploiting classes, the sooner will they resort to sharper forms of struggle, the more will they seek to harm the Soviet State and the more will they clutch at the most desperate means of struggle, as the last resort of doomed people.

It should be borne in mind that the remnants of the broken classes in the U.S.S.R. are not alone. They have the direct support of our enemies beyond the bounds of the U.S.S.R. It would be a mistake to think that the sphere of the class struggle is limited to the bounds of the U.S.S.R. while one end of the class struggle has its operation within the bounds of the U.S.S.R., its other stretches to the bounds of the bourgeois states surrounding us. The remnants of the broken classes cannot but be aware of this. And precisely because they are, they will continue their desperate assaults in the future.

This is what history teaches us. This is what Leninism teaches us.

We must remember all this and be on our guard.

8.—We must destroy and cast aside another rotten theory according to which the individual who is not always engaged in wrecking and who even occasionally shows successes in his work cannot be a wrecker.

This strange theory exposes the naivete of its authors. No wrecker will engage in wrecking all along the line if he wants to avoid being exposed in the shortest possible time. On the contrary, the real wrecker has from time to time shown successes in his work, for this is his only means of keeping himself going as a wrecker, of winning the confidence of people and of continuing his wrecking work.

I think that this question is clear and requires no further explanation.

9.—We must destroy and cast aside the third rotten theory, to the effect that the

systematic fulfillment of economic plans reduces wrecking and its consequence to naught.

Such a theory can only have one purpose, namely, to titillate the self-esteem of our departmental officials to lull them and to weaken their struggle against wrecking.

What is the meaning of "the systematic fulfillment of our economic plans"?

Firstly, it has been proved that all our economic plans are below normal because they do not take account of the tremendous reserves and possibilities lying hidden in our national economy.

Secondly, the general fulfillment of the economic plans by the commissariats as a whole does not mean that the plans are also fulfilled by certain very important branches. On the contrary the facts go to show that quite a number of commissariats which fulfill or even more than fulfill the economic plans for the year, systematically fail to fulfill the plans in several very important branches of the national economy.

Thirdly, there can be no doubt that had the wreckers not been exposed and thrown out, the position in respect to the fulfillment of economic plans would have been far worse. This is something which the shortsighted authors of the theory under review need to remember.

Fourthly, the wreckers usually adapt the main part of their wrecking work not to the peace time period, but to that of the eve of war or war itself. Suppose we were to lull ourselves with the rotten theory of "the systematic fulfillment of the economic plans," and were not to touch the wreckers. Do the authors of this rotten theory appreciate what a tremendous amount of harm the wreckers would do to our country in case of war, if we were to allow them to remain inside the body of our national economy, sheltered by the rotten theory of "the systematic fulfillment of economic plans"?

Is it not clear that the theory of "the systematic fulfillment of economic plans" is a theory advantageous to the wreckers?

10.—We must destroy and cast aside the fourth rotten theory to the effect that the Stakhanov movement is the chief means for liquidation of wrecking.

This theory has been invented so as to divert the blow from the wreckers with a noise of chatter about Stakhanov workers and the Stakhanov movement.

In his report, Comrade Molotov quoted a whole number of facts which go to show how the Trotskyites and non-Trotskyite wreckers in the Kuznets and Don Basins abused the confidence of our politically careless comrades, systematically led the Stakhanov workers a dance, placed spokes in their wheels so to speak, artificially created a whole number of obstacles preventing their working successfully and finally succeeded in disorganizing their work.

What could the Stakhanovite workers do alone if the way capital construction was carried on by the wreckers in the Don Basin, let us say, led to a gap between the slowly moving preparatory work of coal mining and all the other fields of the work?

Is it not clear that the Stakhanov movement itself is in need of our effective aid against all the various machinations of the wreckers so as to speed things on and to fulfill its great mission? Is it not clear that the struggle against wrecking, for its liquidation, and the gaining of the upper hand over wrecking is the necessary condition for the Stakhanov movement to blossom out to the full?

I think that this question is also clear and is in no need for further comment.

11.—We must destroy and cast aside the fifth rotten theory to the effect that the Trotskyite wreckers possess no more reserves, that they are mustering their last reserves.

This is untrue, comrades. Only naive people could invent such a theory. The Trotskyite wreckers have their reserves. These consist first and foremost of the

remnants of the smashed exploiting classes in the U.S.S.R. They consist of a whole number of groups and organizations beyond the bounds of the U.S.S.R. and hostile to the Soviet Union.

Take for example, the Trotskyite counter-revolutionary Fourth International, two-thirds of which is made up of spies and subversive agents. Isn't this a reserve? Is it not clear that this international of spies will select forces to do the spying and wrecking work of the Trotskyites?

Or take for example the group of the rascal Sheflo in Norway, who provided a haven for the arch-spy Trotsky and helped him to do harm to the Soviet Union. Isn't this a reserve? Can it be denied that this counter-revolutionary group will continue in the future to render services to the Trotskyite spies and wreckers?

Or take for example the Souvarine group in France, a group of rascals like Sheflo. Isn't this a reserve? Can it be denied that this group of scoundrels will also help the Trotskyites in their espionage and wrecking work against the Soviet Union?

All these ladies and gentlemen from Germany, all the Ruth Fischers, Maslows and Urbans who have sold themselves body and soul to the fascists—are they not reserves for the espionage and wrecking work of the Trotskyites?

Or take for example the well-known gang of American writers headed by the notorious racketeer Eastman, all these gangsters of the pen who live by slandering the working class of the Soviet Union—are they not reserves for Trotskyism?

No, the rotten theory that the Trotskyites are mustering their last forces must be cast aside.

12.—Finally, we must destroy and cast aside still another rotten theory to the effect that since we Bolsheviks are many while the wreckers are few; since we Bolsheviks have the support of tens of millions of people while the Trotskyite wreckers can be numbered in tens and units, then we Bolsheviks can afford to pay no attention to such a handful of wreckers.

This is incorrect, comrades. This more than strange theory has been invented so as to bring solace to certain of our leading comrades who have failed in their work by reason of their inability to carry on a struggle against the wrecking, to lull their vigilance and to make it possible for them to sleep in peace.

It is, of course, true that the Trotskyite wreckers have the support of isolated individuals, while the Bolsheviks have the support of tens of millions of people. But it by no means follows from this that the wreckers are no able to inflict very serious damage on us. It does not at all need a big number of people to do harm and to cause damage. Tens of thousands of workers have to be set to work to build a Dnieprostroi, but it requires not more than a dozen men to blow it up. Several Red Army corps may be necessary to win a battle during war time. But it only needs a few spies somewhere in the army headquarters or even in a divisional staff to steal the plan of operations and pass it on to the enemy for this gain to be lost. Thousands of people are required to build a big railway bridge, but a few people are sufficient to blow it up. Tens and hundreds of such examples could be quoted.

Consequently we must not comfort ourselves with the fact that we are many, while they, the Trotskyite wreckers, are few.

We must bring about a situation where there is not a single Trotskyite wrecker left in our ranks.

This is how the matter stands with the question of how to liquidate the shortcomings in our work, common to all our organizations, economic and Soviet administrative and Party. Such are the measures necessary for the liquidation of these shortcomings.

As regards the Party organizations in particular and the defects in their work, the measures necessary to liquidate these shortcomings are stated in sufficient detail in the draft resolution submitted for your consideration. I therefore think there is no need to enlarge here on this aspect of the question.

I would like to say just a few words on the question of political training and raising the level of our Party cadres.

I think that if we are able, if we succeed in giving ideological training to our Party cadres from top to bottom and steeling them politically so that they can find their bearings with ease in the internal and international situation, if we succeed in making of them fully mature Leninists and Marxists capable of solving the questions of the leadership of the country without making serious mistakes, then we can thereby solve nine-tenths of all our tasks.

How do things stand with regard to the leading forces of our Party?

In our Party, if we have in mind its leading strata, there are about 3,000 to 4,000 first rank leaders whom I would call our Party's corps of generals.

Then there are 30,000 to 40,000 middle rank leaders who are our Party corps of officers.

Then there are about 100,000 to 150,000 of the lower rank Party command staff who are, so to speak, our Party's non-commissioned officers.

The task is to raise the ideological level and political vigor of these command cadres and to introduce among them fresh forces awaiting promotion, and thus expand the ranks of our leading forces.

What does this require?

First and foremost, we must make the proposal to our Party leaders beginning with secretaries of our Party units to the secretaries of regional and republican Party organizations to select, during a definite period, two individuals, two Party functionaries each capable of being able to act as their effective deputies.

The question may be asked: Where are we to get these two deputies for each one, if we have no such people, no workers who correspond to these requirements? This is incorrect, comrades. We have tens of thousands of capable and talented people. It only needs to know them and to promote them in time so that they should not remain in their old places too long and begin to rot. Seek and ye shall find.

Further, four-month "Party Courses" must be established in each regional center to give secretaries of units Party training and to re-equip them. The secretaries of all primary Party organizations (units) should be sent to these courses and then when they finish them and return home their deputies and the most capable members of the primary Party organizations should be sent to these courses.

Further, to re-equip politically the first secretaries of the district organizations eight-month "Lenin Courses" must be established in the U.S.S.R., in say, ten of the most important centers.

The first secretaries of the district and regional Party organizations should be sent to these courses, and then when they finish them and return home their deputies and the most capable members of the district and regional Party organizations sent there.

Further, six-month "Courses for the Study of History and the Party's Policy" under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union must be set up to achieve the ideological re-equipment and political improvement of secretaries of the town Party organizations. The first and the second secretaries of town organizations should be sent to these courses and then when they have finished them and returned home the most capable members of the town Party organizations should be sent there.

Finally, a six-month "Conference on Questions of Internal and International Policy," under the Central Committee of the C.P. S.U. must be established.

The first secretaries of divisional and provincial organizations and the Central Committees of the national Communist Parties should be sent here. These comrades should provide not one but several persons really capable of replacing the leaders of the Central Committee of our Party. This should and must be done.

I conclude, comrades.

We have thus outlined the main defects in our work, including those which are common to all organizations, economic, administrative and Party, and also those which are specifically peculiar to Party organizations—defects made use of by the enemies of the working class for their diversionist and wrecking, espionage and terrorist work.

We have further outlined the chief measures to be taken to render harmless and liquidate the diversive, wrecking, espionage and terrorist assaults of the Trotskyite fascist agents of the foreign intelligence service.

The question arises:

Can we carry through all these measures, do we possess all the necessary possibilities for this?

Undoubtedly we can. We can, because we have at our disposal all the means necessary for the realization of these measures.

What do we lack?

We lack only one thing: readiness to liquidate our own carelessness, our own complacency, our own political shortsightedness.

There is the rub. Cannot we who have overthrown capitalism, in the main built socialism, and raised aloft the great banner of world Communism, get rid of this ridiculous and idiotic disease?

We have no reason to doubt that we shall certainly get rid of it, given, of course, that we will it. We will get rid of it, not just in an ordinary manner but in a Bolshevik fashion, in a real fashion.

And when we get rid of this idiotic disease, we can say with complete confidence that we fear no enemies from within or without, we fear none of their assaults, for we shall shatter them in the future, as we are doing now and as we have done in the past. (Applause.)







# SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUINN

A QUOTATION I HEARD SOME PLACE STICKS IN MY MIND:

"The mills of the Gods grind slowly,  
"And they grind exceedingly small;  
"And considering what they have to grind,  
"It's a wonder they grind at all."

For the sake of Marxism, substitute in your mind the "dialectics of materialism" for "mills of the Gods," and we are ready to proceed. Whatever the mechanics of the mill may be, they certainly made prize hash out of a number of "police heroes" in the recent San Francisco vice-graft investigation.

Philosophy teaches us that all heroes have feet of clay, but the ones I have reference to could grow potatoes in their ears.

If you will remember the brutal and bloodthirsty attacks of police on the picket lines of the maritime workers during the 1934 strike, you will also recall that they divided themselves into three main periods. The first major attack was at Pier 18 on May 28th. The second was the Memorial Day massacre when police unleashed their fury on a youth demonstration and drenched the cobbles of the waterfront with the blood of 65 young people who went down with broken heads. The third was the Battle of Kinn Hill, better known as Bloody Thursday. Two men went down with bullets in their backs, never to rise again on that day, and literally hundreds were injured.

THE BATTLE of Pier 18 was led by Police Captain Arthur De Guire and Lieutenant Joseph Mignola, who were featured in the daily press as heroes, with no end of laudatory comment. Both men have since been removed and dismissed from the force for complicity with the underworld vice ring.

The Memorial Day massacre was also led by these two. On Bloody Thursday, Captain Thomas M. Hoertkorn was proclaimed in the press as the "hero of the day." Back files of the papers contain vivid descriptions of how Captain Hoertkorn rode in the running board of a radio patrol car at the head of the first contingent of scab trucks coming off the docks, and how he waved a revolver in the air as he yelled: "The port is open!" Other accounts picture him in the thick of the battle, a blazing gun in one hand and a flailing club in the other.

Captain Hoertkorn has since been removed and dismissed from the force for complicity with the underworld.

These are the men who were held up to the public as heroic defenders of law and order, while the strikers themselves were maligned as an irresponsible mob.

Following the Pier 18 assault, Lieutenant Mignola proclaimed: "If the strikers come back for more, you'll find some of them in the morgue next time." He was not long in making good his threat.

When the strike was over, Chief of Police Quinn declared publicly: "If that mob had broken through police lines on 'Bloody Thursday,' it planned to move straight up Market street and start sabotage and pillage."

The fact was, the police lines had their backs to the bay and drove the pickets straight up Market street with tear gas and gunfire. Anyone watching from an airplane would have gotten the idea that the strikers were defending the city from the police. And, of course, there was neither pillage nor sabotage, nor any violence whatsoever beyond the reach of police clubs and guns.

ALTHOUGH I AM mentioning Chief Quinn along with scoundrels like De Guire, Mignola and Hoertkorn, I want to make it plain that Chief was not considered implicated in the vice graft and was not being dismissed. There are a dozen Red-Lights within a four-block radius of the Hall of Justice, and the vice-grafting controls the Police Department, but Chief Quinn was "not implicated." I want to make that plain because it would be a shame for anyone to draw the wrong conclusions.

## Current Reading

## The Practices of the Enemies of Socialism Need Wide Exposure

### Miner and Underminers

Murder at the Kemerovo Mines. Trotskyite plotters at work. By Ernest Fischer, Workers Publishers at 5 cents.

Questions and Answers. On the Piatakov-Radek Trial by William Z. Foster. Workers Library at 10 cents.

These two pamphlets should be used and read in conjunction with each other. In the first the intrigue of the Trotskyite plotters, murderers and saboteurs is so effectively exposed as to leave no doubt as to the lengths these degenerates will go to slake their maniac hatred of working class achievement.

That one of these sadistic terrorists could exclaim, after arranging a death trap for more than a dozen workers, "Now our little brothers will perish like rats," reveals the fitness of the Trotskyites to consort with their

fascist friends. Comrade Fischer makes it clear that the murder of those miners in Kemerovo is of a piece with the murder of the thousands of workers in Spain and that the death trap set in the mine is but a miniature of the one the Trotskyites hope to set off under the workers' world.

Foster's pamphlet is an invaluable source of information on the Piatakov-Radek trial, the events leading up to it, and its implications. The sixteen questions posed and answered without hesitations and with a lucid, impressive and fine production, with Spencer Tracy scoring his usual smash hit. "Top of the Town," New Universal's super-musical revue, which was opened without a preview, is typical of Hollywood's conception of "classical" with an accent on noise and no effort spared to remind you that the film cost a million and a half bucks to make.

## Letters: From Readers of The Western Worker

South Pasadena.  
Dear Comrades:  
I wish to voice my sincere appreciation of the finest column in or out of print, "Seeing Red," by Michael Quinn.

Nearly a year ago the W. W. published a poem in this column in the issue dated July 27, 1936. Will you kindly reprint "Said the Eagle," in the near, near future, as dozens of people wish to obtain a copy of this, as they term it, masterpiece. Please tell Mr. Quinn that there is no need to apologize to Poe for this marvelous parody.

Joseph C. Musgrove.  
Rouen, France.

Comrades:

I am in the army now, believe it or not. I suppose they think that such a move will hurt my feelings. I am with the troops. Of course it may not last long. I have heard that they are planning to isolate me for being a "dangerous member of society." Our West Coast Fascists did their work very well.

I have noticed that the CIO is still busy in the auto industry. Things are rather stormy here, due to the attitude of Mussolini. The Italian troops in the Guadalajara sector must have taken a considerable beating.

Cupertino, Calif.  
Greetings to all. I will never forget your farewell demonstration at the station.

GEORGE GEOFFRIN.  
(Editor's note: Comrade Geof- frin was deported from San Francisco because of his active membership in the Communist Party and his work for the trade unions. Immigration authorities used as a pretext the fact that he had made a trip outside of the country after his arrival here.)

On March 17 at the regular meeting of the Croftian Fraternal Union, Branch No. 676, the president of the branch told of the heroic struggle of the people of Spain to defend democracy against fascism. He stated that many organizations have donated funds and that it was our duty to do the same, because every bit of aid that was given to Spanish Democracy was a blow to Fascism throughout the world. A motion was made that we donate \$5.45 was collected and later \$5.45 was collected from the members, a total of \$10.45. This sum was sent to the North American Committee.

ELIZABETH M. NIKOLAS, Secretary.

## Film Luminaries Welcome Malraux, Give Aid to Spain

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood proved that it knows the meaning of the phrase "defense of democracy" by turning out en masse to greet Andre Malraux, famous French author and commander of the Intl. Air Squadron of the Spanish loyalist forces. On the night he spoke before 8,000 people who jammed the Shrine Auditorium, there were in the audience stars, writers, directors and even a scattering of studio executives.

Two nights later, he was honored guest at a banquet sponsored by the Motion Picture Artists' Committee; this was followed by a series of gatherings for him at the homes of screen luminaries. All in all, the result meant record-breaking contributions from film people for the buying of medical supplies for Madrid's valiant defenders.

Incidentally, the story told by Malraux which made the deepest impression in Hollywood was the following: When the loyalists were retreating from Toledo early in the war, German planes flew very low, bombing the men. For some reason, many of the bombs failed to explode. Later, these same shells were picked up by the loyalists for salvage purposes. When they broke open the shells, they found a note in each one, on which was written: "Comrades of Spain: These shells will not explode. Workers of Portugal."

More film news dealing with Spain this week: Will Hays' office has approved the script of Paramount's "The Last Train from Madrid," first full-length picture with action entirely revolving around the Spanish war. Workers' groups suspicious of the Hays okay, were not surprised to learn that the script turns out to have a rebel hero and loyalist heavies.

Mass protest will stop this slander of the Spanish people. And this column will keep up posted on future developments in this connection. The Italian consul at Los Angeles has been harassing Paramount, by the way, to make sure there are no Italian soldiers shown in the film.

From Paris comes word that Errol Flynn, Warner Bros. star, has left for the Madrid front. Story is that Flynn, who is also a writer, will do some stories about the war. Paramount has finally decided to give up its Madrid offices, announcing that they will be re-opened after hostilities are ended.

Films in Spain  
No Hollywood film companies are distributing their product regularly in rebel-held territory. Some of Spain's film business now being done through Barcelona. Holly Haas, one of the most popular German film stars before the reign of the monster (pardon us, state department), has been signed by Columbia to a long-term contract. She starred in the talkie of "Broken Blossoms" made last year in London.

Another ex-German star, Conrad Veidt, once in Hollywood during silent-film days, is being peddled to the studios. Harpo Marx has again been invited to tour the Soviet Union. He wowed them with his 300-knives act and other bits of pantomime when he visited the USSR in 1932.

Previews  
Previews of the week brought down plaudits on "Captains Courageous," which, despite some pretty mystical and sentimental gush, is one of the standard pictures of the year. A huge, impressive and fine production, with Spencer Tracy scoring his usual smash hit. "Top of the Town," New Universal's super-musical revue, which was opened without a preview, is typical of Hollywood's conception of "classical" with an accent on noise and no effort spared to remind you that the film cost a million and a half bucks to make.

## 'TRIPLE A' ON OAKLAND STAGE

OAKLAND — Third and final performance of "Triple A Plowed Under" will be presented by the East Bay Theatre Union at the Oakland City Club Theatre Saturday night, April 10.

The play consists of a spectacular series of 25 scenes from the "Living Newspaper," running through the war and deflation, through the farm holiday strikes and Triple A, and reaching a climax in a Supreme Court decision. The March of Time technique is used.

## How Many Did You Answer?

1—The Independent Labor Party, headed by James Maxton, Member of Parliament, and the Socialist League, headed by Sir Stafford Cripps.  
2—The Filipino Labor Union, C. D. Mensaivas, secretary. It is an independent union but favors affiliation with the AFL.  
3—A two-legged animal with a cork-logged soul, a water-logged brain and a backbone made of jelly and glue.  
4—Robert Montgomery.  
5—The Textile Workers Organizing Committee (TWOC), headed by Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

## Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

## Black and White

By REB. RANEY

Black and White were fighting over colors.  
Said White: "I lead the shades that deck the earth."  
But Black replied: "It ain't so good for babies,  
If only you attends 'em after birth."

The sky was growing dark; the wind was wailing.  
A storm was blowing up, among the clouds.  
Then rain began to kiss the Life below it,  
And give a drink of water to the crowds.

"O, see," said Black, "the sun,—the light it's bringing;  
Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet flare."  
The two of them were hunting—in the rainbow,  
To see if either one of them were there.

"That's funny," White remarked, "no Me—with colors."  
And Black admitted, "Strange—Me, too,—left out."  
Then both stood side by side and said, "Together,  
We'll show the world we know what we're about."

## In the Bay Area WPA Strike



A SITDOWNER in the paymaster's office at the start of the strike, in San Francisco.

## Awakening of Labor on the Islands

A Hard Lot, But Awakening Has Come

By Gavin Gray

The plantation and pineapple workers of Hawaii, as well as a large section of the white collar and middle class, are being awakened as never before to the need for a solid front against the bosses rather than a racial grouping against each other. In three years I have seen them change from an apathetic resignation to their conditions to an eager search for the realities of union action.

It must be remembered that behind Hawaii's waterfront lie two gigantic industries, controlled from a single source, which employ 80 per cent of Hawaii's workers and that in the histories of those industries there is no record of a major, or even minor, labor conflict conducted on a united racial front. Naturally, any struggle conducted on a racial front is abortive and, in every case, the leadership has betrayed the workers.

Strikes, in the past, have meant a dual victory for the bosses. On one hand they let the workers taste defeat by refusing to meet their demands and by turning the sentiment of a racially divided public against them. On the other hand they oil the effective weapon of racial hatred by breaking the strikes with scabs of another race.

Degraded and defeated, the workers fell back on individual struggle and, in order to beat the dollar a day slavery of the plantations, turned toward the city and accepted wages and conditions that would elate Hitler.

Hundreds of Japanese opened small stores only to learn that the sugar barons owned the property they leased and controlled the wholesale houses.

### Free Labor

The Filipinos gave the hotels and tourist industry free labor in order to be able to beg for tips. The Hawaiians in their flight from the plantations, became political hangers on or sold curios and leis and thus became picturesque beggars.

The plantation workers of Cuba, the Philippines, Porto Rico, Louisiana, and the beet districts, must be organized into one powerful international union. Hawaii's masses await that day.

The author of this article has just returned from the Islands and will contribute further articles.

## California A Working Class History By Ned Dahl

WHEN James K. Polk, who does not rank as one of America's major presidents, assumed office on March 4, 1845, California, still in the possession of Mexico, was in political confusion and chaos.

Movements had consolidated among the foreigners — among American traders and merchants for annexation by the United States; among British inhabitants for rule by England; among others for an independent California.

Polk was Frank. Polk lost no time in announcing that as far as he was concerned, California was to be annexed, and as quickly as possible, by the United States.

Needless to say, Polk did not make Polk's decisions. They were made by the developing American capitalist class, which looked for a new market, and rich resources, in California.

## Haymarket—and The Origination Of Int'l May Day

On the night of May 4th, 1886, a dynamite bomb was thrown in the city of Chicago. The Haymarket bomb was responsible for the first major "red scare" in American history, and produced a campaign of "red baiting" which has rarely been equalled. It created America's first revolutionary martyrs, and led to the immediate popular condemnation of Socialism, Communism and Anarchism. It resulted in one of the blackest chapters in the history of American Justice.

Judicial Murder  
On November 11, 1887, one year and a half after the throwing of the bomb, four of the eight men charged with the crime were "judicially" murdered by the State of Illinois.

The Haymarket affair was a direct result of the May First Strike for the eight hour day, a date which was set aside by the Second International in 1889 at Paris in dedication to the world struggle of labor.

"The History of the Haymarket Affair" by Henry David is the only complete account, masterly compiled, containing a full bibliography of the whole incident.

This important book is to be reviewed in San Francisco by Dr. Edward Livingston, Ph. D., on Friday April 16th at 8 p.m. The place will be 121 Haight street in the dining hall downstairs. There will be discussion; refreshments will be served; admission is free.

## Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

### "Skin Disease"

North Hollywood.  
DEAR DR. BISSELL: I have itching all over my face, scalp, and at the opening of the ear. I can't see any causes for it in the skin. My arms and hands have pins and needles in them when I awaken. G.B.

Answer: It is possible that you have what is known as "Subhorreic dermatitis." If this is the case, it will clear up in a few days under the following treatment:

The following formula should be filled by your druggist and the ointment rubbed well into the face and outer ear every night before going to bed.  
Sulphonated bitumen ..... 1.8  
Zinc oxide ..... 15.0  
Petrolat. q. s. ad ..... 60.0

The following formula should be rubbed into the scalp every evening:  
Sulphonated bitumen ..... 0.9  
Aquaquor. q. s. ad ..... 30.0

I do not think that you need to worry about the condition in your arms and hands. Treatment would depend on the findings of a doctor's investigation.

## 'Prisoners,' Soviet Film, Plays in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—An impressive film dealing with the treatment of criminals under the Soviet, "Prisoners" will be at the Clay Theater for one week opening on Saturday, April 10.

"Aristocrats," this film shows the life at the prison camp where the workers are engaged in building the Baltic-White Sea Canal.

It reveals how, under the discipline and modern treatment of the GPU the most desperate criminals are made over into useful citizens of the Soviet. The picture was ably directed by Eugeny Cherniakov and there is a distinguished cast. The dialogue is in Russian with English translation.

ba, the Philippines, Porto Rico, Louisiana, and the beet districts, must be organized into one powerful international union. Hawaii's masses await that day. The author of this article has just returned from the Islands and will contribute further articles.

## Western Writers Active for Labor, Against War

### Anti-Fascist

In the fields of stage, screen, radio and press, members of the western writers Congress are actively working.  
Donald Ogden Stewart, using two of his famous characters, Mr. and Mrs. Haddock, writes a weekly dramatic program called "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock." Sponsored by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, this program is presented every Saturday night at seven-thirty over K.F.B. Hollywood. As far as can be ascertained, this is the first time that an American humorist has given his creation of a famous character team to anti-fascist use. So rapidly is public response and support growing that a national nook-up may soon be possible.

Edwin Justus Mayer is working in Louisiana on an historical movie.  
Mike Gold is busy on a new novel on unemployment. His recent journalistic book, "Change The World," is a compilation of his famous columns of the same name.

Tess Slesinger, co-author of the screen play for "The Good Earth," is working on Sidney Kingsley's play, "Dead End."

Leslie T. White will have his new book "The Soviets" published next month by Harcourt Brace.

L. E. Claypool, the columnist fired from the San Diego Sun as a result of his activity on behalf of the Newspaper Guild, is editing a progressive weekly newspaper in San Diego.

### Chapter Meetings

The San Francisco chapter of the western writers Congress is conducting a series of chapter meetings at the Veneto Restaurant, 389 Bay St., every Tuesday evening, for discussion of Congress problems and current literature. The session of March 23 was entertained by a reading of Joan Steinebeck's "Of Mice and Men," current production of the Theatre Union, which was followed by a lively exchange of comment.

A similar series of dinner meetings is being held by the Los Angeles chapter where such topics as "Journalism as a Basis for Creative Writing" are being discussed. All writers are urged to bring their friends and participate.

The Santa Clara Chapter held a joint meeting with the English Club of Stanford University last week, when Professor Hartshorn spoke on "Aesthetics in Relation to Social Living."

Many interesting subjects are planned for future dinner conferences at the Veneto Restaurant, including Irish Writers and the Irish Republic, Writing for Children, Problems in Radio Technique, and Short Story and Magazine Market.

## 'Revolutionists' at Grand International

LOS ANGELES—The Grand International Theater is now showing its second week of the new Soviet film "Revolutionists." The valuable historical document of Czarist Russia races the trend of events that culminated in the overthrow of the Romanoff government in 1917.

The leading roles are taken by a large cast of Russian film favorites. N. Kriukov composed and arranged the musical setting and the story was written by Serafima Roshal. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by superimposed sub-titles in English.

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### Play Writers

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Theatre Union sent out a call for plays written by western writers. The aim of this union is to produce plays of current social importance, dealing preferably with the American scene.

The play-reading committee expresses complete willingness to go over any material whether in manuscript or published form — 1 act or 3 act plays, radio sketches. With view to possible future use, any plays which are at all promising but need revision or polishing will be of interest to the group.

### Labor Publicity

LOS ANGELES — Tentative plans have been made for a labor publicity Bureau which will centralize union publicity and plan campaigns. This proposed bureau will be sponsored by the Western Writers Congress and the American Newspaper Guild, and follows the experiment of the Los Angeles Writers Bureau during the recent maritime strike.

A labor cultural service, confined to radio program, has been conducted in the San Francisco area, directed by the prominent anti-fascist writer and speaker, Dr. G. Racci, who works with the assistance of Theatre Union players, Western Writers' Congress and American Newspaper Guild members.

## Irish Committee Plans Affair Supporting Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—The Irish-American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy will offer a novel evening of entertainment on Friday, the main feature of which will be a talk by Leo Gallagher, world defender of labor. It will be held at 8 o'clock at Knights of the Red Branch Hall, 1133 Mission Street.

Every effort is being made to make the evening an unusual one, according to William Doyle, secretary of the committee. Various nationalities will be represented in the entertainment program, besides the traditional Irish dancing and music.

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## SPLITTING ATTEMPT TO EXPEL COMMUNISTS FROM SEATTLE MARINE FIREMEN IS DEFEATED

Communists in Union Defended as Staunch Fighters During the Strike on the Picket Line and on Committees

SEATTLE—At a regular weekly business meeting of the Seattle branch of the Marine Firemen, a group of reactionaries thinking they could kick many militant union members out of the organization, because the overwhelming mass of the members are out at sea and could not vote at this meeting, put a motion

## DRIVE TO SIGN UP ALL CITY WORKERS, L. A.

1800 in General Hospital, Schools Unionized

LOS ANGELES—With 1800 workers in the General Hospital and the public schools already signed up, plans for a concentrated organizational drive among state, county and municipal employees are under way, reports from the Central Labor Council Thursday, April 1, declared.

## L. A. Upholsterers Left Out on Limb

LOS ANGELES—Upholstery Workers Local 15 has written to the San Francisco Central Labor Council to let San Francisco labor know that the strike at the Kroehler Mfg. Co. here is still on.

No Consideration  
The Los Angeles Upholsterers charge that on Feb. 15 S. S. King, business agent of Local 28 in San Francisco, entered into a deal with the Kroehler Co., settling the strike in San Francisco with no consideration for Los Angeles.

This was done, the letter states, despite the fact that Los Angeles struck a few days after San Francisco, in support of the latter. In fact, the Los Angeles local even turned down a settlement which could be considered favorable to it, but which was refused in order not to leave the San Francisco local out on a limb.

## Enjoin Teamsters, Strike is Solid

LOS ANGELES—In a typical boss maneuver, Superior Judge Emmett Wilson last Tuesday, April 6, granted a plea of the Pacific Freight Lines for a temporary injunction against the longshoremen and teamsters' union in the latter's strike for union recognition and reinstatement of drivers dismissed for union activities.

Hearing on a permanent restraining order has been set for April 16.  
Why the injunction was issued also against the longshoremen's union was not made clear. The longshoremen have in no way been involved in the strike, which is centered chiefly about the main terminal of the company at 2501 South Alameda Street.

Harry Dail, union organizer, commenting on the injunction, was reported to have declared: "This strike has been conducted along clean cut lines and in an orderly manner. We expect and hope to continue it in conformity with our legal rights under Federal and State laws. The union has not been served with an injunction, but if it is, we will find legal and orderly means of fighting it."

## Butchers Protest Threat to End S.F. Meat Inspection

SAN FRANCISCO—The Butchers Union and the San Francisco Labor Council have adopted a resolution, pointing out that the meat inspection service is about to be abolished, and asking Mayor Rossi to appropriate money out of the Mayor's special fund to keep the meat inspection going at least until June 30.

There is a shortage of funds because the abattoir companies have not paid their share.

## The S.F. ILGWU Voting

Discussion By a Member of the Results

At this time, the watchword in all unions is unity, that is so necessary to the building of strong unions. In many locals of our international, the recent elections showed that great steps for unity had been taken.

Witness the elections in Local 22 in New York. There the united ticket, representing the progressive and left wing groups, made unity the main issue during the elections and came forth with a united slate running on the program of unity. And overwhelmingly that slate was elected.

This encouraging situation also took place in several other large cities in the country (Philadelphia, Chicago, etc.). This is very encouraging to all honest progressive people in our international who sincerely desire to unite for the building of our union. This shows progress!

### Progressivism

Further, we can be justly proud that our international has taken a fine progressive stand on the many important questions of the day; our position on the CIO; leadership in the movement for independent political action; the huge support for Spanish democracy; the wholehearted support for the fight against the Supreme Court. In other words, the signs of progressivism in our international have not yet sufficiently been translated into the lives of the locals of the ILGWU.

The line of the international must be made the line of the locals.

### In San Francisco

We regret that here in San Francisco during the recent elections the policy of the international, which was carried out in local 22 and in other locals, was not carried out here. In other cities there was a united slate. Here, the administration, which must be held responsible, made no efforts to consolidate and unify all elements for the building of a strong union.

In other cities, there was a clean campaign, conducted on union policies and bringing forth those people who have proven by past activity that sincerity is needed to build our unions in San Francisco. Here the election methods were not clean and above board.

### All of \$125

On the first day of operation under the limitation of hours the men earned between 87c and \$1.25. The next morning they decided to demand a \$3.00 guarantee.

Taxicab service was tied up from seven in the morning until 11 the same morning, when the cab owners in connivance with Police Commissioner Plummer Bluns fired all the men but one. Bluns cooperated by revoking the permits of the drivers and issuing special emergency permits to the scabs. As a result, the strike was broken and the men lost their jobs.

## Labor Raps Delay On Housing Bill

WASHINGTON—Strong protest was voiced here by representatives of the building trades unions at the "unnecessary delay in congressional action on the Wagner-Steagall housing bill."

The meeting of the union representatives was called by the American Federation of Labor housing committee and the Building Trades Department of the AFL.

Protest Delay  
"We protest strongly the unnecessary delay in action on the Wagner-Steagall housing bill. Introduced February 24, it is still lying in committee," a statement endorsed by the representatives said. "There have been no hearings, nor has a date been set for them."

"There has been no definite public statement from the administration, except occasional criticism from the Secretary of the Treasury, whose remarks, as interpreted in the newspapers, have seemed rather vague, partially misinformed and even contradictory."

The statement pointed out that a serious housing shortage requiring drastic action faces the country. Even if one million homes a year could be produced, it was said, the shortage could not be avoided.

"A housing shortage means general doubling up," it was said. "Instead of 'two ears in and 1939 will be two families in and 1939 will be two families in every home.'"

### Co-Ops in Spain

NEW YORK—Cooperatives are being destroyed in parts of Spain occupied by the rebels but are flourishing in loyalist Spain, the Cooperative League of the USA announces.

## ORGANIZATION PACE IN ORANGE COUNTY HAS EMPLOYERS THERE WORRIED; GAIN IS ON ALL SIDES

100% Organization of Butchers; Teamsters Are Getting There Fast; Mexican Workers Want to Join AFL

SANTA ANA—The drive for unionization in Orange County is proceeding at a pace that has the bosses worried. No sooner had an announcement been made that a drive would be made to organize the retail clerks, than the local chamber of commerce organized a committee to visit all the merchants.

### Uniform Working Day

This committee took up the question of a uniform working day for all stores. An agreement has been signed by most of the merchants, agreeing to open at 9 a. m. and close at 5:30 p. m., except Saturday, when they will close at 6 p. m.

This is a material reduction in working hours for most of the workers. However, the agreement does not as yet apply to groceries and drug stores.

### War Measure Would Draft Labor, Bars Demands

WASHINGTON—The Shepard-Hill Bill, which was unanimously condemned by the American League at the Eastern Seaboard Conference, was approved by General Hugh S. Johnson before the House Military Affairs Committee which sought his advice.

Miss Bransten spoke to the American League Against War and Fascism, speaking at the Senate Committee hearing, characterized this bill "as harking back to the Industrial Mobilization Plans of 1933 and 1936, which set up machinery for a military-fascist dictatorship."

### Against Labor

Miss Bransten spoke to the Senate Committee on behalf of 1,195,000 people who were represented at the Eastern Seaboard Conference which heard addresses on the subject by Senator Gerald P. Nye, Rose M. Stein, author of "M. Day," Rep. John N. Coffee and others. The bill, condemned by sincere fighters against war, is being offered as a measure "to cure war profits" and "promote peace." Peace advocates maintain it encourages war profits and sets the stage for war, and in fascist manner drafts labor, and outlaws any demands on strikes for better wages or conditions.

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campaign between personalities. It is true that many of the members did know the issues. The high vote received by some of the progressives, in spite of the campaign against them, shows this clearly. But had the members who voted against the progressive candidates seen clearly the issues of the campaign, they would have voted differently.

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These lying statements were carried higher by threats to workers' jobs if they dared to vote for "certain" people. These methods surely do not encourage unity within our union. It confuses our members. It weakens our union's strength. It keeps out of activity members who are loyal and eager to take part in our union's work. It weakened and belittled the prestige of the administration in the eyes of our membership. The administration must take full responsibility for these actions!

The progressives, while defeated in several important positions, cannot, however, consider the election results a defeat. On the contrary, the results show a strengthening of the position of the progressive elements in our locals.

(1) In the Dressmakers, progressive candidates were NOT defeated by the votes of the San Francisco workers, who actually gave them a majority, in spite of unjust election methods. They were defeated by the votes of the workers in an Oakland dress shop, who were kept isolated from the union and used by the administration as the balance of voting power.

(2) In the Cloakmakers' local, an outstanding progressive was elected as the delegate to the International Convention.

(3) The progressive candidates running for the executive committee in Local 8 received the highest votes of any candidates.

(4) In spite of the campaign against the progressive candidates of local 107, a number of them were elected to the executive committee.

(5) The vote by which several of the progressive candidates in both locals were defeated was very small (in one case by 14 votes, in another by seven votes).

### Issues Obscured

We recognize that a serious mistake committed by the progressives was the fact that the membership was not altogether clear on the issues of the campaign. Only when this was established can there be a guarantee that the other points in this program can and will be carried out.

Our newly elected officers and committees must take the lead in carrying this program into being. The strides forward made by other of our international unions, and by the international itself, must be brought home to the locals in San Francisco, must be made a living part of the life of our locals here. We call upon the administration of our union in San Francisco to take the lead in cementing all elements in our union anxious and desirous of building a powerful section of the ILGWU here, which will take its rightful place as one of the most progressive unions in the San Francisco labor movement.

## Finger Printing in L. A.

Domestic Workers Made Victims of Fascist Idea

By PETTIS PERRY

The California Eagle (Los Angeles Negro weekly) in its issue for March 19th, in a most vicious manner lauds Chief of Police James Davis for his fast drive to fingerprint domestic workers. In order that readers may clearly understand the dangerous and misleading arguments with which these people bolster their position, it is necessary to give an analysis of this article.

"Police to fingerprint domestic servants," was the heading used by the California Eagle. We quote: "Following the adoption of a fingerprinting system for all domestic servants in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and Pasadena, last Thursday, considerable excitement followed such an unexpected measure." (My emphasis, P. P.). Affecting as it does the hundreds of colored citizens who follow this class of livelihood, many, at first thought, feared it would make their none too pleasant lot still harder."

In the first place the colored people are perfectly correct in fearing the introduction of such a measure, intimating as it does that they are criminals. This any right-thinking person will understand. That such a measure would make "their none too pleasant lot still harder" is also correct, although from a different point of view than that which the Eagle attempts to maintain.

### Victims of Brutality

It is an established fact that the Negro people are victims of police brutality and mob violence on every pretext that the ruling class can use. The putting into effect of such a measure as the finger-printing which Chief Davis plans would mean the wholesale raiding of the homes of Negro people, arrests and brutalization of Negroes, ostensibly to seek thieves and kidnapers. It is from this point of view that the lot of the Negro people will be much harder than it is at present.

Quoting the Eagle again: "But calmer digestion of the question by students of economics and both civil and social problems, revealed that rather than being harmful, it will aid the colored servants." (My emphasis: P. P.).

From the foregoing, it would seem that the Eagle thinks fingerprinting is a good means of bettering and maintaining the economic status of the Negro people. We recall that there is also fingerprinting as well as photographing of applicants for jobs in some civil service departments. But instead of working to their advantage, these measures are very disadvantageous. They are used to help the white ruling class deny many jobs in the higher brackets to Negroes. Any reasonably intelligent person would know that the white ruling class is not at any time going to do anything to protect the welfare of the Negro people.

### Dividing the Ranks

"It was pointed out," the Eagle continues, "that during 1924 and 1925, a seeming feud for the employment of Filipinos and Japanese threw many colored employees out of the homes of Los Angeles' wealthy class. . . . Such propaganda can only serve as a means of dividing the ranks of the working class."

It is not the Japanese or Filipino workers who are responsible for the misery of the Negro people. It must be stated that it is a policy of the imperialists in their struggle for wealth not only to utilize cheap labor power in industry, but in the field of domestic service also.

It is this tactic used by the wealthy class of the city who employ domestic servants, which threw many Negro domestic workers out of employment, thus making it possible to re-hire them later at lowered wages, such as the \$25 monthly wage, now prevailing in many domestic service jobs.

Pursuing the question further—the difference in the standard of living which made it possible for the foreigner to work for much less than a colored worker could live on comfortably, and at the same time enjoy the benefits of American civilization."

True, the foreign-born worker does have a lower standard of living, a standard which the employing group—not the workers—reduced even lower than the level of the Negro worker in many cases. But how can any one say that a group "enjoys the benefits of American civilization" when the elementary right of occupational advancement is denied them through the closing of the avenues to learning and working at skilled trades, and

## THE INSURANCE PROBLEM AND THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT—AN ANALYSIS FOR WORKERS

'Group Insurance' and Other Propositions Examined Closely, and Contrasted With That of the Intl. Workers Order

(Ed. Note: Due to the present flood of insurance literature on the waterfront a group of workers has analyzed these propositions and submits the following report. Every waterfront worker should read this material before laying out his cash for any policy.)

The average waterfront worker knows that through his union he has an increasing degree of strength and security. He knows that the union helps in more ways than wages and hours. The unions are besieged now by insurance agents offering various types of insurance. On the union's recommendation workers will spend thousands of dollars for insurance; therefore it is important for union officials to carefully weigh each insurance company or organization before recommending any to the men.

"Group Insurance"  
Many of these policies cover sickness, accident, funeral benefits as well as straight life insurance. They urge unions to join as a group (known as "group insurance"). They require no medical examination. They promise nearly everything for seemingly a small monthly payment.

Tens of thousands of workers are paying in hundreds of thousands of dollars monthly for these policies. Many company unions have forced these policies down the throats of the workers—an example is the company union at Pittsburg, Calif., in the Columbia Steel plant.

Here is a typical insurance policy and what it offers and does not offer you. For a little over \$2 a month you, a typical worker, get \$100 a month sickness or accident benefit, \$1000 for accidental death, \$2000 for loss of two limbs or sight or \$1000 for loss of one limb or sight of one eye and \$5 on doctor bills.

Examined Closely  
It sounds swell, doesn't it? But examine it closer.

Not a cent do you get if you are hurt on the job! And after all, where do most of the accidents take place if not on the job?

Not one cent if you are sick for only a week. Benefits only begin on the 8th day. Don't most colds and other causes of lost time keep us away from work one week or less? If the insurance company doctor can prove that your sickness was caught on the job or due to

who are denied the opportunity to practice the professions except on restricted, segregated basis no matter what their qualifications?

The reporter from the Eagle who interviewed Chief Davis concerning the finger-printing measure quotes the Chief as saying: "No certain race is singled out for this identification system, but will come under its ruling. Local crime annals, yet to record, single kidnapping or other major felony in which a colored servant of the affected household was involved."

"The plan is not aimed at trustworthy help, but at the group of criminals, many of them aliens who . . . have stolen thousands of dollars." Chief Davis' bringing in of the question of "aliens" exposes the scheme as a device for an anti-foreign-born worker drive, which would be a combination of several things. Arrest and brutalization of Negroes, and in the Hitler storm-troop style drive against foreign-born workers would be features of this campaign.

If Negro domestic workers have not been involved in any major crimes, what is the logic of fingerprinting domestic workers, the majority of whom are Negroes? Simply this—in spite of the claim made that thousands of dollars have been stolen from employers' homes, the police will direct their attack against the domestic workers, and not against the real criminals and racketeers who are really involved in such crimes, and thus the drive against the workers will make possible a more complete white-wash of the big criminals whom the police never seem to be able to find.

I appeal to the people of California to stop this fascist attack on the civil rights of the workers by: (1) Expressing emphatic protests to Chief of Police Davis of Los Angeles, Chief Kelly of Pasadena and the Chief of Police of Beverly Hills; (2) Mobilizing all progressive forces throughout the state to campaign against the Hitler-like attack on American working people. We call upon the workers to resist efforts to fingerprint them, emphasizing that there is absolutely no basis, moral or legal, which requires it. A strong resistance now against this "trial balloon" will prevent its ever being given any legal status.

## Guild Signs Santa Rosa Up 100%

SANTA ROSA—All ten eligible editorial workers from both of Santa Rosa's daily newspapers joined the Newspaper Guild at a banquet here held in conjunction with the North Bay Printing Employees' Association.